

Lay Evangelism Meet Ready For March 2-3

Sam Sorrell, outstanding layman of Houston, Texas, will be the principal visiting speaker for a statewide Baptist Layman's Evangelism Conference to be held at First Baptist Church in Jackson March 2-3, sponsored by the departments of Brotherhood and Evangelism of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



Sorrell

Mr. Sorrell is vice-president of Gulf Publishing Company of Houston and has traveled all over the world in the interest of his company as well as the World Trade Association of which he is an officer. He is a graduate of Baylor University and is chairman of the Board of Deacons of South Main Baptist Church in his city.



Newport

Russell Newport, a layman from Springfield, Mo., will lead congregational singing and also bring several vocal messages.

Mr. Newport, a brother of Dr. John Newport of the faculty of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, and former Mississippian, is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and Harvard University, and holds a certificate in voice from New England Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Newport, president of Newport Stores, Inc., is a recording artist and has appeared as a soloist at Rotary International, Baptist World Alliance and Southern Baptist Convention.

Evangelistic Bible study will be led by Jack Stanton, associate in the Division of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgcrest Baptist Church, Jackson.

The final message on Saturday morning will be brought by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention Board.

Other state speakers will include Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, pastor of First Baptist Church, Grenada and Mrs. G. C. Stubblefield, of Jackson.

The conference will begin at 6:45 Friday evening and close at noon Saturday.

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SBC Tops 12 Million Members

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptists in 1972 passed the 12 million mark in membership, set a record number of baptisms, and reached the billion dollar mark in total receipts.

The record year of growth was reflected in annual statistical tabulations compiled by the research services department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and reported to the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee meeting here.

Church membership for the nation's largest evangelical body increased nearly a quarter of a million persons (240,821) over 1971 membership. The 1972 total membership was reported at 12,067,284.

The record number of baptisms (conversions) was 445,725, an increase of 36,066. It was the second year in a row the number of baptisms had increased. The new record exceeded by more than 16,000 the pre-

vious record for baptisms in one year, 429,063 in 1959.

In church organizations, Sunday School, church music and Brotherhood enrollments increased during 1972, while decreases were reported in Training Union and Women's Missionary Union enrollments.

Statistics were based on a total of 34,534 churches cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention. The number of churches increased by 93 from the 1971 report.

Sunday School enrollment totaled 7,177,651, an increase of 36,198 for the year. This signaled a turnaround for the organization, the first increase in seven years.

Church Music enrollment continued to increase with 84,024 added during 1972 to bring the total to 1,173,004.

The Brotherhood (men's and boys' organizations) had an enrollment of 454,272, an increase of 2,734, instead of a decrease as projected in December.

Training Union enrollment totaled 2,044,445, dropping by 62,410 from the 1971 figure.

Enrollment reported for Women's Missionary Union (women and girls) decreased 11,945 to total of 1,125,641.

Giving by Southern Baptists continued to increase. Total receipts reached \$1,071,512,302, passing the billion dollar mark for the first time, an increase of \$96,239,363.

Contributions to missions increased \$14,226,635 for a total of \$174,772,885.

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In top photo the Activities Building at Parkway Church was filled for the banquet Feb. 12 honoring Miss Carolyn Madison for her 32½ years of service. In photo at left Miss Madison is seen receiving numerous checks and gifts of appreciation presented by Rev. Bryant Cummings, Sunday School Department director. Photo at right shows Dr. Bill Causey, Miss Madison's pastor and host church pastor, speaking of the church's appreciation of her service to the church as well as the denomination.

Miss Carolyn Madison Honored For 32½ Years Of Service

Miss Carolyn Madison, who will retire as an associate in the Sunday School Department on March 1 after 32½ years of service, was honored by

the department and other friends at a special banquet in her honor on Feb. 12 at the Parkway Baptist Church in Jackson.

The banquet was held in connection with the annual State Vacation Bible School Clinic Feb. 12-13 at the Parkway Church and the Activities Building, where the banquet was held at 5:00 p.m., was filled with VBS workers from every section of the state, Sunday School Department staff, other Baptist Building leaders and many friends and well-wishers.

The highlight of the banquet came when Miss Madison was asked to stand and was presented with many gifts, along with several checks, from friends and fellow workers by Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department.

The host church, Parkway, is also the church where Miss Madison holds membership, and Dr. Bill Causey, pastor, also presented her with a check from the church in appreciation of her tenure of service with the denomination.

Two leaders with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, here for the clinic, also spoke words of appreciation.

The principal message was brought by Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, president of the State Convention Board.

A picture presentation of Miss Madison's life was shown by members of the Sunday School Department staff. Special music was rendered by "His Friends," youth musical group from the host church.

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Foreign Mission Board

Devaluation Elicits Concern

RICHMOND (BP)—The announcement of U. S. dollar devaluation immediately presents serious financial problems for missionaries overseas, members of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board were told here by their executive secretary.

Reporting to the board, Baker J. Cauthen emphasized that "as American citizens we support the steps which have been taken to meet the financial crisis. However," he said, "severe financial pressures on missionaries as a result of those steps lay before Southern Baptists the challenge to reinforce the cause of foreign missions."

Cauthen said that with an overseas budget of approximately \$35 million, a possible loss in buying power of more than \$3 million dollars could result from dollar devaluation.

He explained that the amount of local currency exchanged for dollars in many foreign lands will be immediately reduced by 10 per cent. In other words, the cost of all the goods and services purchased by missionaries in those countries will rise by 10 per cent because they have less currency to use.

He added that, if continued, the current inflationary spiral being experienced in many parts of the world will compound the problem.

"We are fully confident that Southern Baptists will respond to this situation," Cauthen said, "through intercessory prayer, increased giving through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering,

and deeper determination to press forward in a worldwide task."

Cauthen assured board members that "very careful administrative measures will be taken to meet future realities," and that all aspects will be scrutinized to "give full consideration to situations which must have emergency attention."

He reminded board members that there had been calls for 800 new missionaries in 75 foreign fields and an upsurge in mission volunteers.

Previously he had reported a projected increase in missionary appointments for 1973 with expectations of processing well over 200 missionary

candidates. "These anticipated appointments will require additional resources at a time in world history when advance in foreign missions is so urgently necessary," he added.

Dollar devaluation was President Nixon's second attempt to quell an international monetary crisis. The last such move, 14 months ago, prompted the SBC Foreign Mission Board to make extensive adjustments in missionary support.

Continuing his February report to the board, Cauthen told of the trips he and his wife took in late January to India, Iran and Bangladesh.

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Baptist Work Is Secure In Most Of Vietnam

RICHMOND (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries report that the Vietnam cease-fire has stabilized security in most areas where they work, but that Communist violations of truce terms have directly threatened at least one Baptist congregation.

James F. Humphries, missionary associate, says that on the morning the cease-fire was to become effective, Ai Lien Baptist Chapel near Bien Hoa was taken over by the Viet Cong.

Bien Hoa is approximately 20 miles northeast of Saigon in the Southern Part of South Vietnam.

The congregation felt that at last, without fear, they could gather in fellowship and love, and they gathered to offer prayers of thanks for a long-

awaited peace, Humphries continues. Their peace did not last long if, indeed, it began at all.

Three hours after the 8 a. m. cease-fire, lay pastor Dinh Ngoc Chau, his wife, their seven children, and a group of new converts were startled by Viet Cong soldiers who surrounded the chapel.

The troops ordered the South Vietnamese flag lowered, and in its place the Viet Cong flag raised.

The commander of the VC told the congregation, "We are the new peace team for this area. We have come to live with the people. You will stay here and not leave. From now on you obey us."

The "peace team" blew up the

bridge behind them as they left to claim other areas for the VC, hoping to prevent the people from escaping, Humphries says.

Despite threats and orders not to leave, the little group of Christians made their way over rough terrain to South Vietnamese soldiers on a nearby hillside. Once again they had become refugees of war in their country — when war had supposedly ended.

At last report, Humphries says, lay pastor Chau and the pastor of his mother church were on their way back to Ai Lien to see if the VC had vacated the area.

"The chapel was started by the Faith Baptist Church of Gia Dinh near

Saigon during a time of war," Humphries reflects. "The question now in the minds of the people is, will it survive the peace?"

While Humphries was reporting that the members of Ai Lien were trying to return to their chapel, Lewis Myers of Danang, in the other extreme of Vietnam was reporting optimism about peace.

"The cease-fire is beginning to take hold in almost every province. Inspection teams are on the spot now. We will just trust the Lord and wait and see," Myers says. "One thing for sure is that we will have two or three months of spreading the gospel to many areas where we have not been before."

Myers relates that the cease-fire has already allowed him to travel to two villages in Quang Tin Province. His first stop was at a village just south of Danang.

"We have had no witness there, but about a year ago I went for a one-shot Bible study with relatives and friends of Danang Christians. We left them with gospels of John thinking we would return in a few weeks."

When recent conditions finally

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Mission Tours Set For Baptists

MEMPHIS — Four tours of Baptist mission points in Mexico will be offered to Southern Baptists during 1973, Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, disclosed.

The tours, arranged through the Foreign Mission Board and the Mexican Baptist Convention, are scheduled for April 2-12, September 9 - 23, November 4-16, and December 2-14.

Tourists will travel by air on the April trip and by bus the other three visits.

McCullough said the increase in tour opportunities represented another way agencies are trying to provide mission learning experiences for Southern Baptists.

Cost of a tour is about \$325 per person. A maximum of 36 persons per tour can be accommodated.

Ben Connell of the Brotherhood Commission staff is coordinating the tours with the assistance of two associates, Norman Godfrey and Frank Black.

Persons taking the April tour will be divided into small groups of four for examinations of mission work in depth.

Opening the tour in Mexico City with a visit to churches and places of historical and cultural interest, the groups will move to outlying mission posts for four days.

The groups will share their experiences at the close of the tour in Mexico City before flying home.

The November tour will combine

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Baptist Chaplains Study Their Work At Baptist Building

A meeting of Baptist chaplains from throughout the state was held recently at the Baptist Building for the purpose of discussing their work in relation to the denomination. An organizational meeting is planned for May 2. Those attending were, from left: Dr. Jack Folis, East Mississippi State Hospital, Meridian; Rev. Gordon Shamburger, Mississippi Baptist Hospital; Rev.

James Brister, Veterans Administration Hospital, Jackson; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer, State Board, who spoke to group; Dr. Foy Rogers, director of Cooperative Missions, Department, sponsor; Frank Metcalf, Keester AFB, Biloxi; Dr. Willis Brown of the Chaplains Commission, Home Missions Board, speaker; and Rev. Allan Webb, Parchman Penitentiary.

Mid-America Bible Meet Mar. 26-29

NASHVILLE — "Do the specific job you have been assigned, and pray for the Mid-America Bible Conference."

This was the challenge issued by Chester Russell, steering committee chairman, to more than 200 persons attending a planning banquet at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., site of the Mid-America Bible Conference, March 26-29, 1973.

Committee chairmen, committee members, youth and other persons interested in making the conference a

success attended the Jan. 30 meeting to receive instructions and information concerning content and purpose of the Bible conference to relay to fellow church members. More than 4,000 persons are expected to attend.

Principal speakers will be Jack R. Taylor, pastor of the Castle Hills Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.; Ray F. Robbins, professor of New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and James B. Henry, pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

"Both Lord and Christ" is the theme of the conference. The purpose is to lead Christians toward a deeper commitment to Jesus, the Lord and Christ and to challenge Christians to express their submission to the lordship of Jesus by becoming effectively involved in God's efforts to redeem men.

Individual conferences on Old and New Testament books of the Bible will be offered in addition to gen-

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"Tuition Grants"

State Baptist Leaders Take Opposing Views

Mississippi Baptist leaders are taking opposing views on the "Tuition Equalization Grants" bills which now are before the Mississippi Legislature.

Senate Bill 1526 and House Bill 479 are called the "Tuition" bills, in that they make available "Tuition Equalization Grants" for students (except pre-theological) in nine (9) private colleges, including the four (4) Baptist colleges. The Senate Bill has been reported out of committee, and should come before that body within the next few days.

A Mississippi Baptist pastor, a convention agency executive, and a Baptist pastor's conference all have taken a stand against passage of the bill, while it is reported that representatives of the four Baptist colleges, along with some from the other schools involved, have appeared be-

fore a Senate Sub-Committee in support of the bill.

The pastor is Dr. Levon Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pontotoc, and Chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission.

The denominational Executive is Dr. Clark Hensley, Director of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission. Dr. Moore and Dr. Hensley, both spoke at the Senate Sub-Committee hearing.

The pastor's conference which spoke out is the Lauderdale Baptist Pastor's Conference, comprised of Baptist pastors in the Meridian area.

No official action concerning this particular bill has been taken by the Mississippi Baptist Convention or any of its agencies, although their position on church-state affairs, always has been against such involvement. The two men who have spoken out clear-

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A horseback ride is part of the fun of a seaman's visit to Mrs. Powers' farm. Home Mission Board photo.

Northwest Church Sprouts Seaman's Ministry

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Fern Powers and several other members of First Baptist Church of Lacey, Wash., approached a Japanese ship at the Washington port of Olympia intending to invite some seamen into their homes. But they had no idea how to do it.

A produce man they met on the dock, happened to understand Japanese and did the first interpreting for the visitor who entertained four guests in their homes that night — the ship's cook and three of his kitchen helpers — with only the cook speaking a bit of English. Their ship has been in port twice since, with the cook and others returning both times for home-cooked meals and a unique kind of international fellowship.

From that single shipboard visit has blossomed a world-wide seaman's ministry.

Sailors in port with free time usually wander aimlessly in and out of bars, poolrooms, and theaters. Lacey Church wanted to provide Christian fellowship to men who often had no fellowship. Mrs. Powers opened her farm to the men to play ball, ride horses, and get a chance to stretch their sea legs.

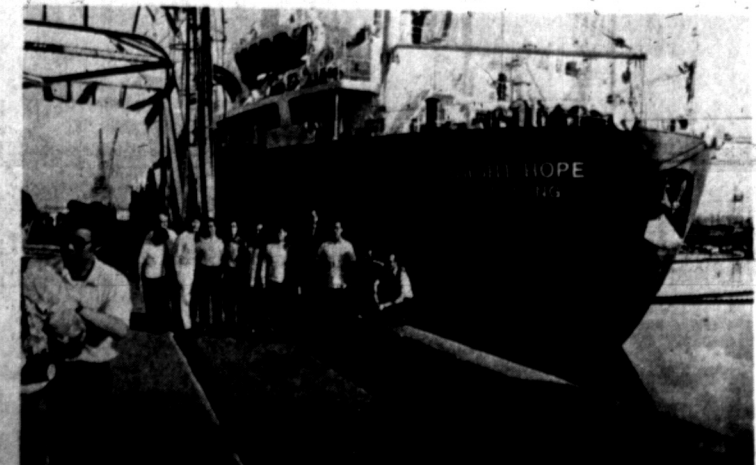
As a result of their efforts, the past two years at least three ships have regular Bible study on board at sea, 13 men have been converted to Christianity, and other Christians have been influenced.

A Southern Baptist foreign missionary in Kobe, Japan heard about the ministry of Lacey Church, together with Pinehurst Baptist Church in Everett, Wash., and Trinity Baptist Church in Tacoma, Wash., and is making plans to coordinate port-to-port ministries. Marion Mobley is planning to provide follow-up to sailors when they return to their home ports after visiting Baptists in U. S. ports.

Ships involved so far are Japanese, Filipino, Korean, and two kinds of Chinese: Mandarin from Taiwan, and Cantonese from Hong Kong. One Korean ship caused customs officials to wonder when the ship brought Japanese-American Bibles to the U. S.

"We have written invitations in Japanese we can use if necessary, but most often we find some one who can speak a little English," said Harold Hitt, Home Mission Board language missionary in the Northwest Baptist Convention. "We try to take some of our children with us so they can see it as a family affair," he said. "Our children can reach the hearts of these men faster than we can."

Hitt supervised the seaman's ministry's most versatile worker this past summer when Kiang Nge Goh worked with him as a HMB student summer missionary. He is a student at Spokane Community College and a citizen of Nationalist China. A 28-year-old graduate of the Baptist seminary in Bangkok, Goh came from Thailand where his father has been a preacher. Goh speaks the Mandarin and Cantonese dialects, as well as Thai and English.



Sailors from the ship, Bright Hope, are part of thousands of seamen who visit U. S. ports each year. Summer missionary Kiang Nge Goh is talking in left foreground.

Only occasionally does language become a major stumbling block, as it did when a non-Christian Japanese was told through an interpreter that supper would be served after the service was over at 8:30 p.m. The exuberant preacher didn't finish his sermon until 8:30 when the church took communion. The Japanese saw

the small portion of what he thought was to be his evening meal and when the interpreter saw his consternation and realized what must be going on in his mind, the interpreter nearly broke up the service with his laughter. The Japanese, embarrassed by his ignorance about the Lord's Supper, said, "I hope I have not offended your God."

SBC Tops 12 Million Members

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Summary of 1972 Southern Baptist Convention Statistics

	1972	1971	Numerical Change	Per Cent Change
Churches	34,534	34,441	+93	+0.3
Baptisms	445,725	409,659	+36,066	+8.8
Church membership	12,067,284	11,826,463	+240,821	+2.0
Ongoing Sunday School Enrollment	7,177,651	7,141,453	+36,198	+0.5
Ongoing Brotherhood Enrollment	454,272	451,538	+2,734	+0.6
Ongoing WMU Enrollment	1,125,641	1,137,586	-11,945	-1.0
Ongoing Church Music Enrollment	1,173,004	1,088,980	+84,024	+7.7
Ongoing Training Union Enrollment	2,044,445	2,106,855	-62,410	-3.0
Total Receipts	\$1,071,512,302	\$975,272,989	+96,239,363	+9.9
Total mission gifts	\$174,772,885	\$160,546,250	+\$14,226,635	+8.9

3 MC Students Killed In Crash

Three Mississippi College students were killed in a one-car wreck in Jackson, Feb. 17, the Jackson Police Department announced.

They were Walter Albert Zwilling, 19, of Bogalusa, La.; John B. Hamilton, 18, of Anchorage, Alaska; Howard E. Woods, 18, of 106 Hillcrest Dr., in Clinton.

Police officers said the car in which the three were riding, a small foreign make was traveling north on Monticello Dr. about 3 a.m. today when it left the road and plunged down a creek 134 feet away from where it left the road.

Police said the impact of the vehicle hitting the creek bottom apparently killed the youngsters immediately.

Woods, graduate of Clinton High School in 1972 was a member of the Beta Club, the Golf Team, basketball squad, Physics Club, Latin Club, Safety Council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes in High School.

Hamilton, was a varsity football player at Anchorage and received the most improved player award. He was a member of the Biology Club, the Lettermen's Club, played basketball in high school and was youth council president at his church in Anchorage.

Zwilling was manager of the football and track teams, editor of the annual, and was a delegate to Boys' State while in high school.

A house is made of walls and beams; a home is built with love and dreams.

1st, Columbus, Calls Dr. Rembert Truluck

Dr. Rembert S. Truluck of Greenwood, S. C. has been called as pastor of First Church, Columbus.

He succeeds Dr. S. R. Woodson who retired last September after a quarter of a century serving the congregation.

Dr. Truluck preached his first sermon as pastor at the Columbus church on January 28.

The 39-year-old Spartanburg, S. C. native is presently pastor of South Main Street Church in Greenwood, S. C. He is a graduate of Furman University and Southern Seminary, where he was president of the evangelism group in field work.

He received his Doctor of Sacred Theology degree from Southern Seminary in 1968.

Over the years he has served in churches in Laurens, S. C., Danville, Ky., Norfolk, Va., Louisville, Ky. and in other churches.

The minister made a missionary trip to Argentina and Brazil last June where he delivered lectures at the Argentina Annual Pastor's Conference in Buenos Aires.

Dr. Truluck is married to the former Rosalind Dendy of Laurens, S. C. Mrs. Truluck attended Anderson College in South Carolina and later graduated from the two-year school for minister's wives at Southern Seminary. She is a music major and, until recently, taught private piano lessons.

They are parents of two children, Deborah, 12, and Russell, 6.

Attention: Churches In Hinds-Madison

Tuesday, February 27, the Hinds County Youth Court will begin training volunteer Youth Court counselors to work with troubled youths and troubled families.

Rev. R. L. Lambright, director of youth and family ministries of the association, 802 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, is anxious to have at least one volunteer from every church in the association to take this training.

The training course will be conducted at the Police Training Academy on St. Charles Street, Jackson. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 362-8676.

There can be no peace in the world until the caliber of its statesmen are equal to the caliber of its gun.

'Liberalism Wanes In Churches'

CHICAGO, Ill. (ABNS) — The main line Protestant denominations are turning away from social and theological liberalism in an effort to provide meaning for the lives of individual believers.

Miss Carolyn Madison

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Miss Madison responded to the group for all their evidences of appreciation and thanked them and all others who have had a part in honoring her for her long years of service. A book of letters, written by many friends and fellow workers, was also presented to the honoree.

Invocation was by Curtis Beard, former educational director of the host church with the benediction by Dr. David Grant, Jackson, State Convention president.

Baptist Work Is - - -

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made it possible for Myers to return, 20 family heads there told him: "We have already believed; help us grow." On the same day, Myers continues, he had the opportunity to visit a village at the invitation of its chief and to meet with 500 of its residents. The chief had been exposed to the gospel at Love Baptist Church in Danang. "We praise God for these new openings," Myers concluded.

Devaluation Elicits - - -

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Board members elected to missionary service Mrs. Charles P. Cowherd and reappointed her husband who has 26 years' tenure as a Southern Baptist Missionary. The Cowherds, currently of Louisville, Ky., expect to be assigned to Hong Kong. In other actions, the board extended an invitation to Ernest Loessner of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, to serve for one year as professor at Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary following his retirement in Louisville next summer.

Mission Tours - - -

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a bus trip through the north and west portions of Mexico with a three-day deep sea fishing trip in the Pacific Ocean near Mazatlan.

Connell said the September and December tours will be the traditional type in which the group stays together in visiting Baptist mission work in several cities.

Persons making the tours will receive help in how to present their mission experiences interestingly when they return to their churches, Connell said.

Persons may reserve space on the tours by writing Tours, Mission Support Department, Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar, Memphis Tennessee, 38104. Deadline for the April tour is March 15.

Former Astronaut Plans Retreat for Vietnam POWs

COLORADO SPRINGS (BP) — Apollo 15 Astronaut James B. Irwin, working through his High Flight religious foundation, plans to schedule a renewal retreat program for American prisoners of war returning from Vietnam in an effort to help them readjust to life in America.

Irwin, a Baptist layman who has traveled throughout the world telling others he felt God's presence when he walked on the moon, said in announcing the plans that some of the returning prisoners of war did not even know man had been to the moon while they were in prison.

Exact time and place for the retreat program he hopes to sponsor has not been set, although tentative plans call for the retreat some time in June after the former prisoners have had some time with their families and have gone through official debriefings, High Flight officials said.

To coordinate plans and handle details for the retreat, Irwin has set up a separate office in High Flight. Charles Farr, minister of education at First Southern Baptist Church in Colorado Springs, will be "on loan" to help coordinate the POW program, Irwin said.

Farr spent 20 years in the Air Force and is well qualified in the field of retreat ministries, Irwin said. Irwin, a retired Air Force Colonel, said there has always been a desire to establish a retreat ministry by High Flight, the religious foundation he established last August when he resigned from the space program. The retreat program he wants to share with the returning POWs cannot wait on construction of permanent facilities, Irwin added.

"We have already been in touch with some of the personnel in the Pentagon who are involved in the work with returning men, and they have expressed their delight with the idea of this way of sharing with these men we have in mind," Irwin said.

William H. Rittenhouse, vice president and executive director of High Flight, knows first hand the trauma of readjustment that will face these

men since he was a prisoner of war in Rumania during World War II, Irwin pointed out.

Rittenhouse said he and Irwin were deeply concerned about the problems of readjustment the returning Vietnam POWs. "We want to provide these men and their families with a retreat that will let them have recreation, information and inspiration," he added.

Irwin said that High Flight will seek to underwrite all expenses so there will be no charge to the former prisoners or their families.

Rittenhouse said the program would be non-denominational in approach, with a person-to-person emphasis. Personalities, including astronauts and religious leaders across the country, will be enlisted who can share what their faith has meant to them in times of stress, trauma and readjustment.

Rittenhouse is author of a book entitled "God's POW," telling how his faith was a source of strength during his imprisonment in Rumania during World War II.

Young Adult Leadership Conferences Planned

NASHVILLE — Specialized training for young adult Sunday School workers will be offered again this summer at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

According to Jim Fitch, young adult section supervisor, the conferences are designed for workers with 18-29 years olds.

Young Adult Leadership Conferences will be held this year at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center July 22-28, July 29 - Aug. 4 and Aug. 5-8 and at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center June 17-23, June 24 - 30 and July 1-4.

Reservations may be made by writing to Registrar, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770 or Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N. M. 87535.

and other alternate life-style communities in agreement that the liberalism of the 1960s, especially the church's emphasis on social activism, was waning.

"We have emerged from the civil rights struggle in a state of exhaustion and sterility," the Rev. Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, associate executive secretary of American Baptist National Ministries, told the conference. "We have lost the dimension of transcendence and have failed to tap the deep religious springs out of which our lives are nourished."

SBC Annuity Board Notes Record Year Of Service

DALLAS (BP) — After reaching record levels in several areas of its work, the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board here announced plans to widen the effect of its ministry of retirement and insurance protection for church-related vocational workers.

Record statistics in investment income, premium dues and payments, benefits paid out, and funds held in trust were disclosed at the annual meeting of the board's trustees.

Board President Darold H. Morgan of Dallas told trustees that, as significant as the achievements have been, the board must work unrelentingly to reach more SBC churches and agencies with retirement and insurance protection for their staff members.

Funds held in trust for 38,900 participants in the board's retirement plans passed \$300 million for the first time last year, and now stand at \$336,439,081, Morgan said.

This surpasses last year's mark by about \$44 million. These funds are held in trust to pay out as benefits when participants retire from their places of service.

The Annuity Board invests these funds to increase retirement benefits it can provide. In 1972, according to Morgan, investment income reached a record \$22,295,543, in increase of over \$6 million from the year before.

Income from premiums and dues pushed past the \$30 million level for the first time last year, and amounted to \$31,172,754. This compares with approximately \$25 million the previous year.

Retirement and other protection benefits paid out last year topped \$10 million for the first time, reaching \$11,192,951, an increase of \$1.3 million dollars over the year before. This does not include insurance claims for life, health, and disability coverage, Morgan noted.

Som 638 annuitants were added to benefit rolls of the Annuity Board in 1972, also a record. That number included 387 by age retirement, 188

widows, and 63 claiming disability benefits.

Another record also was set, a record low in the number receiving relief payments. This number continued its slow decline over a period of years, dipping for the first time below 400.

The Annuity Board, in the only phase of its ministry maintained entirely by Cooperative Program funds, now provides relief funds to 398 persons — 124 ministers and 274 widows of ministers.

Five years ago the board was providing relief aid to 501 persons. In 1972, according to Morgan, the board paid out \$171,581 in Cooperative Program funds provided for relief.

The Annuity Board president set a 10-year goal of reaching 90 per cent of all Southern Baptist churches with retirement and insurance plans.

Several months ago, a study showed about half the SBC churches had retirement protection with the Annuity Board for their pastors and other employees. Most of these were churches with under 200 members, the study showed.

"The smaller SBC church remains the main area of need for Annuity Board programs," Morgan said.

Trustees voted to issue another "13th check" in December 1973 perhaps equal to 16.67 per cent of the annual benefit, which would be about two months' income beyond the 12 regular monthly payments.

The board has issued "13th check" benefits without interruption since 1967 although they are not guaranteed. Morgan said payment of a "13th check" continues to depend on good returns on funds invested. Trustees were told the board is moving increasingly into stock market investments which have a higher rate of return than fixed-rate investments such as mortgages and bonds, but stocks also entail more risk.

This year the board will have about 45 per cent of its investments in stocks, a report indicated. "Somewhere a practical limit will be reached on investment in common stocks," the report said.

More than \$1.7 million was paid out last year in death claims on life insurance coverage. Hospital-medical claims on Blue Cross-Blue Shield amounted to about \$5½ million, the board's insurance services department said.

The insurance services department announced more than 9,000 pastors and church staff members have transferred from Blue Cross-Blue Shield to new health benefit plan coverage with Aetna Life and Casualty Co.

Bruce McIver, Dallas pastor, was elected new chairman of the Annuity Board, succeeding Donald E. Bowles, Dallas insurance executive.

The Convention President Speaks

On Monday, February 12, a group of us met with Dr. Paul Stevens and Mr. Eldon Sparrow of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. In order to keep pace with the times, this Commission is in desperate need of a rather large amount of capital funds. According to Dr. Stevens, nearly all of the type work they do on television is done with video tapes. At the present time, our Commission has no equipment to do this kind of thing.

For various and sundry reasons, the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention could not allocate the amount of money needed for this worthy means of telling the Good News of our Lord. Consequently, Dr. Stevens has been instructed to go out over the Convention and raise the necessary funds. This was his purpose in being in Jackson.

Later on, there will be efforts put forth to organize here in our state and to raise our fair share of this money. Other states have already launched their campaigns and some are well on their way to raising a sizable sum. When you hear about this program or if you are approached either to give or work on a committee, it is my opinion you will be adding one of the most effective means of Christian witnessing we have available. My prayer is that you will listen with an attentive ear, that you will give it enthusiastic support, and that you will give of your money. — David Grant.



Mr. Harrell

James Harrell, State Baptist Associate, Takes Texas Post

DALLAS — James Louis Harrell of Mississippi joined the Baptist General Convention of Texas on Feb. 15, as associate secretary of the convention's Church Stewardship Department.

The 47-year-old former pastor has served in the Mississippi Baptist State Stewardship Department since 1968. Previously, he served in the Mississippi Training Union Department, he served in the Mississippi Training Union Department and was superintendent of associational missions.

Harrell will serve under Church Stewardship Department secretary, Doug Brown, in developing materials for church finance and stewardship; planning and conducting associational conferences in church finance and stewardship development; counseling with pastors and other church leaders; helping develop unified programs for the promotion of total stewardship and related responsibilities.

Harrell is a graduate of Mississippi Baptist College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Waggoner of Jackson, Miss. They have three children.

Camp Mondamin Up For Sale

Camp Mondamin, a 240-acre site along the Strong River in Simpson County, is up for sale.

After serving for 50 years as a camp for the Jackson YMCA, the property is being sold. Thousands of youngsters have enjoyed the property over the years, and if anything, the camp has more natural appeal today than at any time in its history.

But, Joe Robertson, general director of the Jackson YMCA, said pressing financial needs within the Y demand that the camp be sold.

"It breaks my heart to see this property go," Robertson said. "But, the Metropolitan Board has studied the alternatives and we have no choice except to ask for bids."

The bids will be accepted by Robertson until noon on March 9. The staff of the Jackson YMCA will be available for showing prospects the acreage.

The property threads along the Strong River for over two miles and has two sets of the rare Mississippi rapids.

Improvements include a swimming pool, cabins and a dining hall and kitchen facilities, a horse stable and arena, outdoor assembly area, canoe launching ramps and piers, improved roads, archery and skeet ranges.

The timber is one of the outstanding features of the camp. Some of the timber is virgin on other portions in their second generation.

"We're hoping some group or individual will want to purchase the camp for recreational use," Robertson said. "But, of course, we aren't trying to dictate future use of the facility. We must sell."

Edenfield Returns To Clara Pastorate

Rev. David Edenfield has been called as pastor of First Church, Clara, Miss.

Mr. Edenfield, previously served First Church, Clara from Nov. 1968, through June, 1970, at which time he left to attend Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. While attending seminary he was pastor of Pittsburgh Church, David Edenfield, Pittsburg, Calif.

A native of Jessup, Ga., Mr. Edenfield also has served as pastor of Mt. Enon Church, Dothan, Ala., and San Hill Church, Greene County.

He attended Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., for two years, then transferred to William Carey College, where he graduated in 1969.

He and his wife, LaWanda, have three children: Mark, 12, Cindy, 11; and Carrie, 9. They moved into the parsonage Feb. 16.

Auditions To Be Held For The Centurymen

Want to cut records? Perhaps travel? Make new friends and broaden your musical horizons? The Centurymen may be your answer.

The Centurymen is composed of 100 ministers of music from Baptist churches in 26 states. Openings in the men's singing group occur because of changing job responsibilities and other activities of the members.

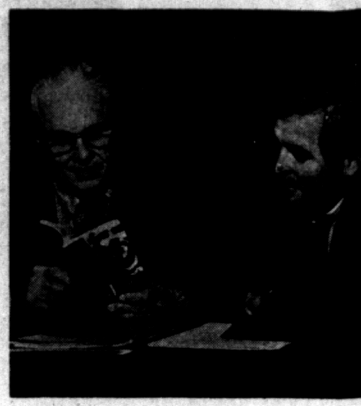
Nationwide auditions for The Centurymen will be held at the Church Music Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers this summer. Beryl Red, director of The Centurymen, will conduct the auditions.

Men who are vocationally engaged in church music (minister of music, denominational workers, faculty members, music evangelists) are eligible for The Centurymen.

Musicians who'll be at Ridgecrest should mark Tuesday, July 3, on their calendars. West of the Mississippi at Glorieta, the audition date is July 24. Time for auditions at both assemblies is from 2 to 5 p.m.

Requests for application and information should be addressed to J. MALCOLM EDWARDS, SOUTHERN BAPTIST RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION, P. O. Box 12157, FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76116.

The deadline for Ridgecrest applications is June 1; for Glorieta, June 21.



THE NEW PAPERBACK, JESUS, is the center of attention for Charles Roselle (left), secretary of national student ministries, and Don Hammonds, Secretary of the Department of Special Missions Ministries, Home Mission Board. This illustrated book, available from the American Bible Society for 10 cents each, is a collection of excerpts from the life and teachings of Jesus as taken from the gospels. It is published by the American Bible Society in consultation with the Home Mission Board and national student ministries of the Sunday School Board. It is intended for non-Christians on campus, in resorts, and in coffeehouses.

The design and manufacture of a greeting card, according to a subsidiary or Norcross, takes about two years. The greeting card business is an estimated \$1-billion-a-year industry, and Christmas cards furnish almost one-half of that amount.

Special Graduation Held For Cancer Victim's Husband

By Robert Meade

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—As a desperately ill young woman sat watching, her husband received his master of divinity degree with honors during the first special commencement program ever held at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The special graduation program was called by a vote of the faculty to allow David A. Murray, 25, to receive his degree early so his wife, Kathy, could be present.

Kathy has terminal cancer. Doctors are not certain how long she will live, but since she learned last October of the seriousness of her illness, David's graduation has been a major goal for the couple.

David, a native of Mobile, Ala., had completed all his degree requirements and would have graduated in the spring. Some were afraid Kathy would not live that long.

For two years, Kathy has worked to help her husband make it through seminary, and the seminary faculty and administration felt she should see him graduate. It was the first time in the school's 15 year history that a special graduation ceremony had been called, other than the annual commencement in May.

Around 300 students, friends, seminary faculty and staff, and members of the family witnessed the ceremony in the seminary auditorium here.

Millard J. Bergquist, in his last official function as acting president of the seminary, delivered the commencement address, praising the couple as "two very special people."

Pastor-Song Leader Retreats Are Scheduled For Two March Dates

Pastor-Song Leader Retreats will be held at Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia, March 16 and 17, and at Glenfield Church, New Albany, March 23-24, according to an announcement by Rev. Olyn Roberts, pictured of East Philadelphia Church and coordinator of the meetings.

Designed for pastors and church song leaders of smaller churches, the retreat will be limited to forty persons. A limited number of accompanists will also be accepted.

Friday evening's program will begin at 6:30 with supper and fellowship. Later in the evening there will be a music devotional; a skit on "How Not to Have a Church Service"; demonstrations on planning church services; "How to Bring Alive the Church Services" (practical ideas with demonstrations); a panel discussion on questions the audience asks; and variety time.

Saturday morning's program will begin at 8. It will include "Experimental Worship"; more practical ideas and demonstrations on bringing alive the church services; demonstrations in presenting responsive readings, public prayers, announcements, and calls to worship; "Some Do's and Don'ts for Public Worship"; "Introduction to the Autoharp"; "Departments in Congregational Services"; "Outreach Music"; "How to Begin Simplified Music Program"; "Financing the Music Program"; "Physical Facilities"; another panel discussion; and lunch.

The cost per person for the retreat will be about \$12 to \$15, costs varying according to the motel. The Church Music Department, which is sponsoring the event, suggests that the churches pay this cost.

Pre-registration is necessary, and the first forty to register will be accepted. Registration should be sent to Church Music Department, Baptist Building, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205. Send name, address, church, and church position.

Watson Is Ordained

William Glenn Watson, older son of Rev. and Mrs. William G. Watson of Clinton, was ordained as a minister on Sunday, February 4, by First Church, Bastrop, La., where he serves as minister of education.

The ordination sermon was preached by his father, and the ordination prayer was offered by his grandfather, Paul E. Ballard of Calvary Church, Tupelo. Special music was provided by the Youth Choir and the minister of music, Dick Day. The pastor, Rev. L. H. McCollough, presided and presented the Bible and ordination certificate.

Mr. Watson is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. He is married to the former Kathy Minnix of Ft. Worth. They have been serving the Bastrop Church since May of 1972.

Called To Mobile

Rev. John Merck, pastor of Rocky Creek Church, Lucedale, has accepted the call of Shiloh Church, Mobile, Alabama.

Rocky Creek during his five years of ministry, has added another full-time staff member. Over \$350,000 has been given through the church. The income of the church grew from \$30,000 the first year to over \$105,000 last year.

The church, strictly a rural church, has a membership of better than 800, with 290 received into membership during the past five years. The church property has increased in value from \$150,000 to \$500,000, and the church congregation moved into a new sanctuary a year ago. The Sunday School and Training Union have shown an increase every year in attendance.

Leaders Take Opposing Views

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ly stated that they were speaking as individuals, and not for the convention or for their agencies.

The Christian Action Commission has taken no action on these particular bills, although it did issue a position statement on church-state relationships in 1967, and gave sanction to the position taken by its Director on these particular bills as being in line with the position statement.

The Education Commission is reported to have discussed the matter briefly at a recent meeting, but due to lack of information, deferred full discussion until later. It is anticipated that the issue may come up at a meeting of the commission which is scheduled for Thursday of this week.

The Lauderdale Baptist Pastor's Conference in regular session on Monday, February 5, unanimously passed a resolution opposing the bills. Speaking concerning that action, Dr. Beverly Tinnin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Meridian, said, "It is our feeling that if our colleges are distinctively Christian they should not receive tax monies at any level, national, state or local, and that if they are not distinctively Christian then Baptists should cease the operation and support of them."

Dr. Moore stated that he felt that Baptists who oppose the bill should contact their legislators immediately, and make their opposition known, since consideration of the bill can be expected within the next few days.

In expressing his opposition to the bill, Dr. Moore made the following statement before the Sub-Committee. It is printed as it appeared in Report From The Capitol.

"I have examined very closely Senate Bill No. 1526 and House Bill No. 479, and I am opposed to this proposed legislation for the following reasons:

I. In My Opinion, It Is Unconstitutional.

I have examined Section 208 and Section 66 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi. The proposed legislation appears to violate the requirements of the Constitution.

Furthermore, it appears to me that examinations and audits of the denominational schools' records and accounts by the State Treasurer and the State Auditor are highly inappropriate, and unconstitutional.

II. It Violates The Principle Of Separation Of Church And State.

According to the bill, the money would go directly to the institution, with the money to be applied to the tuition of the student. There is no specification as to how the money then is to be used. Presumably it could go for buildings, administrative costs, or costs of instruction. In any case the school would benefit from the grant, and this amounts to a subsidy given by the state.

III. It Is Contrary To Actions Taken By The Mississippi Baptist Convention

On numerous occasions the Mississippi session has spoken clearly in opposition to our schools receiving grants from the government. This would apply to state government as well as to federal government.

IV. It Is Discriminatory Against Students.

This program would discriminate against ministerial students and others preparing for professional graduate degrees in theological institutions.

V. It Reflects On The Present Operation Of Private Colleges.

This proposal intimates that the private colleges are not now being utilized efficiently, economically, and effectively. I do not agree that this is a valid assumption. (Does this suggest that the State of Mississippi will provide assistance and personnel to the private colleges to insure a more economical, efficient and effective operation?)

VI. It Is Discriminatory Against Baptist Colleges.

Our Baptist schools, and I presume all the other denominational schools in the state, are based on the philosophy that sectarian instruction will be given, and that all students will be better prepared for the vocation of their choice by receiving an education with a Christian philosophy. It would be difficult for our Baptist schools to qualify for the grants unless we deny our basic purpose and philosophy.

VII. It Is Based On Some Questionable Assumptions.

1. That the granting of financial assistance would cause the private schools to be operated more efficiently and effectively.

2. That the paying of a portion of the tuition charge would reduce the cost to the taxpayers of Mississippi. I maintain that just the reverse would occur. It is not likely that the budget operating expenses for the public schools will be decreased if this legislation passes. Assuming that it remains the same, that expense PLUS the two to four million dollars needed to finance the proposed program would only serve to INCREASE the expense to the taxpayers of the state.

3. That these grants would encourage students to leave public colleges and universities and enrol in private schools, thereby reducing the cost of education in the public institutions.

Considering the difference in tuition costs which would remain even after the grant is applied, it is not likely that this would change the present status. (In fact, there is no assurance that the private schools will not in time increase tuition costs so that students will ultimately pay as much as at present.)

4. That the private colleges are operating at far less than capacity enrollment; and further, that quality education can be provided in the private school at less cost per student than in the public institution.

VIII. Its Adoption Will Set A Dangerous Precedent.

If this act is approved, it is obvious to every thinking person that there will be immediate pressure on the Legislature to adopt the same type of legislation giving financial assistance to every parochial school, and every private high school and academy in the state. Mississippi cannot afford to allow that to develop!

IX. Its Adoption Will Make More Difficult The Raising Of Funds From Our Churches To Support Christian Education.

An appeal was made last year for one million dollars — for our schools, and by vote of the Mississippi Baptists and by vote of the Mississippi Baptists for the 1973 budget. The implementation of this bill, if passed, will be interpreted by the average church member as meaning that since the church colleges are on the tax rolls, they do not need further support from the churches.

X. Its Adoption Would Create A Crisis In The Total Educational System Of The State.

Because of its highly controversial nature, it will serve to create numerous problems for legislative bodies, private colleges, public colleges and universities, denominational bodies, local churches, and communities. Inasmuch as our schools are just now beginning to overcome some of the crippling effects of previous crises, it is devoutly to be hoped that another debilitating division can be avoided!

While recognizing the benevolent intentions of the proponents of this legislation in seeking some measure of relief to those who pay extra costs to send their children to private colleges; and while joining all those who seek to make our educational institutions, both private and public, more effective in fulfilling their missions, I maintain that this proposed legislation is not the answer."

In the publication, Report from the Capitol, Dr. Hensley also presented his own arguments against the bill, including a position on church-state, taken by the Christian Action Commission in January, 1967. He expressed the opinion that if Baptists are to be consistent in their church-state separation stand, they should oppose this bill. He acknowledged, however, that many Mississippi Baptists favor it.

Proponent Statements

Report from the Capitol, said in its February 1 issue, that a proponent of the bill had stated in part:

"Many have suggested that these bills are unconstitutional; no one, I repeat, no one can state with any degree of assurance that these are congressional or unconstitutional until the bills are enacted into law, and then, if challenged, whether or not they meet this challenge in the courts of the land. This is the only way that this challenge can be coped with, within the framework of the American system of government."

... the legislation is designed to aid students who attend private colleges, whether church-related or not. The Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Tilton vs. Richardson held that the Higher Education Facilities Act did not violate either the Establishment clause or the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment; ... Any attempt to relate these proposed bills to elementary and secondary school level aid should be recognized as not being consistent with judicial findings

in a number of states and at the federal level."

"The bills are not designed to be direct aid to the schools; rather they are specific in relating this aid to the students. The principle or method of reimbursement, however, is not different from the utilized in the GI Bill following World War II. The individual schools would benefit only to the extent that they benefit from any tuition collected."

The spokesman indicated that he did not consider this a "foot in the door" to state aid to private elementary and secondary schools since the U. S. Supreme Court had specifically ruled this out.

He added that he could see no "essential church-state conflict" in the legislation since it is "aid to the student and not the institution."

In Report from the Capitol, Dr. Hensley recognized the differences of opinion on the bill, but added, "Mature Baptist brethren know how to disagree without being unchristian in their attitude."

Mid-America - - -

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eral conferences addressed by Taylor, Robbins and Henry.

Mississippians to appear on program will include Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor Ridgecrest Baptist Church, and Dr. Joe H. Tuten, pastor Calvary Baptist Church, both of Jackson, and Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

Former state men who will be on program will be Dr. D. Lewis White, extension activities consultant, of the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Dr. David Q. Byrd, pastor West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn.

To register, write to Box 4270, Memphis, Tenn., 38104.

First, Clinton Calls Bill Baker

Rev. Bill Baker has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Clinton, and will begin his duties there on March 18.



Bill Baker

Since 1964, Mr. Baker has been pastor of First Church, Calhoun City. A native of Pontotoc, he earned a BA degree from Mississippi State University, MA from the University of Mississippi, and is in the process of obtaining his Ph.D. from Mississippi State.

He graduated from New Orleans Seminary, served as youth director at First Church, Gulfport, and has served as pastor of Mantee Church, as well as First, Calhoun City.

Mrs. Baker, the former Jill Applewhite of Columbia, is an accomplished musician, having graduated from the University of Mississippi in voice with special distinction and having led the University of Mississippi Band as drum major. She also has her Master's degree from Ole Miss.

Mr. Baker has served in many capacities in denominational service, including membership on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Executive Committee of the Board.

He and Mrs. Baker have been much in demand in leading and entertaining young people at banquets and other meetings over the state.

He succeeds Dr. Russell McIntire as pastor of First Church, Clinton. Dr. McIntire resigned last spring to accept a position on the staff of New Orleans Seminary. Rev. Tom Douglas, associate, Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has for six months been interim pastor.



Thomas Barron



Mrs. Barron



Ralph Davis



Mrs. Davis

Retreat For Young Married Couples

Saturday, March 3, is the date for the Retreat for Young Married Couples. The one-day retreat, to be held at Temple Church, Hattiesburg, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., is being sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union, Miss. Baptist Convention Board.

The program features will include Bible Study led by Dr. Don Stewart, Professor of Religion and Philosophy, William Carey College, and four missionary couples, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Barron, Indonesia; Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Davis, Ghana; Rev. and Mrs. Robert Holfield; and Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Stamps, Ecuador.

The cost of the retreat will be \$5.00 per couple which includes the noon meal and a \$2.00 registration fee. A nursery and pre-school child care will be provided. The cost will be \$1.00 per child which includes the noon meal. Mail registration fee of \$2.00 per couple to Miss Frances Shaw, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. Registration deadline is March 2.



Don Stewart

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EDITORIAL

Distorting The Story Of Christ

The secular press recently carried a report of three new moving pictures on "Christ" which now are in preparation, and soon will be on the screens of America and the world.

One of these is "Jesus Christ, Superstar"; a second is "Godspell"; and the third is "The Rebel Jesus." The first two are based upon Broadway stage shows, neither of which even claims to present a true picture of Christ. The third will be just as distorted in its presentation, according to the announcements concerning it, for it will suggest that Jesus "survived the cross, was nursed back to health by the redeemed Mary Magdalene, and then was pursued by the centurions and killed. No miracles." The releases clearly reveal that this picture in no sense seeks really to present Christ.

One is astonished at the lengths to which men will go in order to make a profit. Nothing appears to be sacred to them. None of these three moving pictures, if they are produced according to announced plans, will in any

sense present truth concerning Jesus Christ. Instead they will be farces, based upon the imaginations of unbelieving men, rather than upon Scripture, which is the only source of truth concerning Christ.

Tragically, these films probably will be seen by millions, especially young people, and by people in foreign lands who evidently like to see American-made films, and those viewers will receive a false and distorted picture of Christ, who actually was God come to earth, and is the only hope of mankind. These pictures will only make a blind world more blind concerning the truths of the Word of God.

Unfortunately Christians can do nothing about preventing such productions. All we can do is to make clear to the world that they do not represent the true message of Christ, have little to do with the historical Jesus, and must stand condemned by all true Christians, and all other lovers of truth. When these pictures finally appear, the best thing Christians can do is stay

away from them. Let no Christian money go into the coffers of those who have produced them for a profit. Some movies soon die because they are financial failures. We pray that these may be just that.

In sharp contrast to this, we have learned that popular singer Johnny Cash, who long has been a dedicated, witnessing Christian, has just spent a large sum of his own money to make a new moving picture on the Life of Christ, and that this, too, soon will be released. The reports concerning this film are that it will truly honor our Lord, and, it is to be hoped that far more will see it, than see the other films which do not claim to present the truth. The fact that Cash is a popular singer, and appears several times in the film, will cause many to want to see the production, who otherwise would not care for it.

While we are talking about moving pictures let us mention another one which is showing in Mississippi right now which also presents a false picture relative to Christianity. It is the moving picture "Marjoe" which is supposed to be the life story of a Pentecostal evangelist who used his ministry as a money making "racket." While this story may to some degree (and we pointedly say that, knowing the liberties producers take) be the story of this man, it is NOT a true representation of evangelists, and certainly not of those who work with our Baptist churches. There may be "fake" preachers in the evangelistic field, but they are few and far between. Evangelists that we know are dedicated Christian men, who believe the Bible, preach the truth, and are in the evangelistic ministry because they believe that is where God has placed them. It is tragic that once in a while someone exploits the position, and then the moving picture industry plays it up as they did "Elmer Gantry" and now "Marjoe," and present to the world a distorted and false picture both of Christianity and the Christian ministry.

There are many good motion pictures which present the true Christian message. Examples of these are the productions by the Billy Graham organizations, those from our own Southern Baptist agencies, and those from some other dedicated Christian groups. These we can and do support, but when some moving pictures take the name Christian, and then present something else, they can only be condemned by and avoided by Christian viewers.



No Other Foundation - 1 Cor. 3:11

Mid-America Bible Conference

Many Southern Baptists always are thrilled when opportunities for more Bible study are offered to them. One of the strengths of our life as a denomination, has been this emphasis on study of the Word of God.

Such an opportunity is being offered in the Mid-America Bible Conference which has been planned for Memphis, Tennessee, March 26-29. The conference is under the direction of the Sunday School Board, and will be held at Bellevue Baptist Church. The first session will be on Monday evening and the final one on Thursday evening.

Special features will include four messages on the Holy Spirit by Dr. Jack Taylor at one of the evening sessions; three messages on Hebrews by a seminary professor at the beginning of the morning sessions; seventeen different conferences to choose from in the second evening period; ten different conferences at the morning sessions, second period; and seven different conferences in the afternoons. Thus, those in attendance have the opportunity to hear two series of general messages, and to attend at least three different Bible study series during the week.

Outstanding Southern Baptist pastors and other Bible teachers are among the program personalities. Three Mississippi pastors are included. They are Dr. Earl Kelly, Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, who will teach "Revelation"; Dr. Joe H. Tuten, Calvary Church, Jackson, who will teach a section of "Isaiah"; and Dr. Brooks Wester, First Church, Hattiesburg, who will teach "Joshua." A number of other former Mississippians, or men widely known in Mississippi, are listed among the faculty. Leading the whole meeting will be Dr. Chester Russell, who is Director of Bible Conference Ministries for the Sunday School Board.

Both pastors and laymen are invited to attend the conference, and the registration fee is only \$3.00. Of course, lodging and meals will be extra. Many Mississippians living in driving distance of Memphis will be able to attend many or all of the sessions, and still drive back home at night. Others will want to go and stay for the entire conference. We feel that it affords a great Bible study opportunity, and such a Bible conference probably will not be held this close to us again for a long time. We hope that many Mississippians will be able to attend.

NEWEST BOOKS

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS: A COMMENTARY by Homer A. Kent, Jr. (Baker, 363 pp., \$5.95) A carefully prepared commentary on this great New Testament book. An introduction presents problems concerning date and authorship, as well as persons to whom the book was written. This is followed by an outline. Each section has the authors own literal translation of the passage discussed. This is a verse by verse commentary which deals with every word of teaching and every doctrine found in the book. It abounds in material for sermon preparation and Bible study.

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS CHRIST by John L. Bray (Author, 501 West Lee Street, Plant City, Fla. 33566) Another in a series of small booklets of sermons by this Baptist preacher. The books are 30c each or 4 for \$1.00. This is a 21 page sermon preached in a church in the Caribbean Islands.

SUPERGOAL by Several authors with Billy Zeoli (Revell, 127 pp., paper, \$1.95) Testimonies of what Christ means in their lives by seven outstanding athletes or coaches who now are with professional football teams. Included are Tom Landry and Roger Staubach of the Dallas Cowboys; Jim Houston of the Cleveland Browns; Norm Evans of the Miami Dolphins and others. These men reveal that even professional athletes can be dedicated Christians.

FAITH FOR THE TIMES by Alan Redpath (Revell, 160 pp., \$3.95) The first of a series of studies in the prophecy of Isaiah. This is called part I of studies in chapters 40 to 66. The subtitle is "The Promise of Deliverance." Dr. Redpath is former pastor of Moody Memorial Church in Chicago and is a widely known preacher and teacher. This volume includes sermons on sections of Isaiah from chapter 40 to 48. Each message centers around the text but the truth of the whole chapter from which it is taken is seen in the messages.

TYPES OF PREACHERS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT by A. T. Robertson (Baker, paper 238 pp., \$2.95) Reprint of a book by the great Southern Baptist Greek scholar and theologian, A. T. Robertson who served so long at Southern Seminary. Here are messages by the great teacher on a number of the men and women of the New Testament. Most of these are individuals who are well known in the Scripture, but are not the apostolic leaders. These are Bible characters whose life filled an important place in the Scripture story and Dr. Robertson is revealed to be a great Bible student and preacher in his presentation of studies of these persons.

A THOUGHT FOR EVERY DAY FROM HENRY DRUMMOND Edited by John Burbeck (Revell, 93 pp., \$2.95) Henry Drummond is best known as the author of *The Greatest Thing in the World*, a beautiful and perceptive interpretation of Paul's great love chapter. This, however, was not the only thing that this great preacher wrote and the editor of this book has collected some of Drummond's greatest thoughts in a devotional type book which includes a paragraph for every day of the year. These deal with multitudes of subjects, but all point to faith in God and love for fellow men.

FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING GUIDE FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS by Malvern J. Gross, Jr. (The Ronald Press Company, 79 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10016; 541 pp., \$13.50). This publication presents a complete range of practical help for treasurers, accountants, board members, and administrative officers. Step by step, it shows how to prepare meaningful financial reports, develop administrative budgets, maintain accounts, and manage and report investment income. Written by a partner of the nationally known accounting firm of Price Waterhouse & Co., this manual examines all alternative approaches to financial management and rates each as to effectiveness and acceptability. The author advises on the specialized problems of each type and size of organization, and emphasizes methods for handling the difficult questions of fund management and accounting.

VICTORIAN INVENTIONS by Leonard De Vries (American Heritage Press, 192 large pp., \$10.00) An anthology of many of the great inventions of the last half of the 19th century. When one remembers that almost all of the commonplace inventions which we use in our everyday life date from the period 1865-1900, he realizes how much we owe to the inventors of that day. For example, the typewriter, the telephone, the phonograph, the incandescent lamp, the automobile, the electric streetcar and train, x-rays, cinema, wireless telegraphy, and many other things which we use everyday came from this period. In this book is shown in drawings of the times, the early development of many of the devices which we use daily. The book is divided into five sections: transport, electricity, optics, telephone, and miscellaneous. Readers will spend many hours reading these pages and looking at these drawings. They present an amazing record of a day now gone, but a day without which our modern living could not have come to pass.

KNOW YOUR HYMNS QUIZ BOOK by Frederick Hall (Baker, paper, \$1.50, 140 pp.) This book has more than a thousand questions about hymns, hymn writers, and composers.

THE FIRST BAPTIST by S. E. Anderson (Challenge Press, 124 pp., paper) Reprint of a book published earlier by another company. The author presents a careful study of John the Baptist, revealing that he is the first Baptist. This is a study which needs to be read by every serious minded Baptist, whether preacher or layman. The book will help him understand the meaning of our heritage as Baptists.

I BELIEVE IN VISIONS by Kenneth E. Hagin (Revell, 126 pp., \$1.95) This author tells how that God raised him from a deathbed to preach the gospel. He speaks of visions which God gave him which patterned his life and ministry.

On The MORAL SCENE...

The world's ad bill: 33 billion dollars. The International Advertising Association and International Research Associates say this is what advertisers around the world spent in 1970. U.S. advertisers shelled out the lion's share, 19.6 billion dollars. Over four-fifths of the total was spent in the United States, West Germany, Japan, United Kingdom, Canada and France. A somewhat different look emerges on a per person basis. The U.S. leads (\$95.72 that year); then come Switzerland (\$68.15), Bermuda (\$52.83), Denmark (\$48.55), Canada (\$48.47), Sweden (\$47.79). (Changing Times, January 1973)

Antibusiness Mood. The public is becoming more and more cynical toward business, says Opinion Research Corp. of Princeton, N. J. According to a recent ORC national survey, 60 percent of Americans express low approval of business, 13 percent more than in 1965. Those surveyed felt corporate price increases rank only second to the Vietnam War as the major cause of inflation. One-third of those surveyed believes Washington should set profit ceilings. Consumerism and ecology have contributed to this antibusiness feeling. Another ORC poll showed: 21 percent felt they had been recently cheated or deceived in purchase or service; 53 percent felt business is doing very little to curb pollution. (Everybody's Money, Winter 72-73)

Elderly Warriors. There's a growing army of activists among the elderly, says a recent Wall Street Journal article. Tired of shuffleboard and golf, many retirees have taken up the causes of ecology and consumer protection. One such group is the Gray Panthers, based in Philadelphia. Another is the Retired Professionals Action Group, formed by Ralph Nader. These Nader's raiders are snooping into areas such as hearing aids, nursing homes, land development sales and housing for the elderly. (Everybody's Money, Winter 72-73)

THE BAPTIST FORUM

J. B. Polk Was Associational Missionary: 1908

Dear Dr. Odle:

In reply to Rev. C. C. Weaver's request in Baptist Record of Feb. 8, 1973, I would like to give you this information.

During my pre-school years my father, Rev. J. B. Polk, was employed full-time by our State Baptist Convention Board as an associational missionary in Wilkinson County, years 1908-10.

We lived in Amite Co., Gloster, as better facilities were available there for the family.

Father had a horse and buggy to travel Wilkinson County in areas unchurched, visiting and taking census of persons who were Baptist, preferred Baptist, or unchurched.

Then later when a handful were found these came together in their rural homes, or in the school building, for worship. When enough were added to provide support, along with another similar congregation for a pastor, one would be called, this pastor to be either half-time or fourth-time as their strength enabled them to provide. Often this would be my father because his salary was paid by the State Baptist Convention Board, thus putting them in a regular worship service before they were able to pay.

When he was pastoring like this he did the pastoral visiting over the widely scattered field, holding prayer meetings in as many as possible.

This took him away from home on every week-end and past Wednesdays, some time later if there were a funeral, or extreme illness, among the members.

Just for a human interest touch I will add this: I remember as a three-year-old my father taking me and my older brother with him one Sunday when he was to return home Sunday night. We ate the noon meal after service with a family with a small baby, who could not take any substitute for mother's milk. They had tried cow's milk, goat's milk to no avail. Finally in desperation the country doctor said, "Give the baby mare's milk - it can't do any harm - for he is gradually starving to death." And to everyone's amazed wonder, the baby was thriving!

Mrs. W. C. Morgan
4083 Robin Drive
Jackson, Ms. 39206

Veterans Praise God For Answered Prayers For Peace

Dear Dr. Odle:

The slogan "Pray that God will open the prison doors in a way that all the world will know there is a God in heaven" was used by our organization to call Mississippians to prayer for the Prisoners of War and Missing in Action in Southeast Asia. We appreciate the fine response and the beautiful spirit of cooperation.

God has answered the prayers of His people! The eyes of the world were on President Nixon as he called our nation to prayer and thanksgiving to God, as the cease fire went into effect, and he set the example.

It came during the Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion of Mississippi and The American Legion Auxiliary, which was being held in Jackson. A special joint prayer service was announced. The crowd overflowed the room and many had to stand in the halls. Veterans from all over the state, who had served our country in four different wars, poured out their hearts in prayer to God. God was given thanks for many things and was asked to watch over the homeward journey of the POWs and to bless the loved ones of the Missing In Action who would not be coming home, and the families of those who had made the supreme sacrifice throughout the war. It was a high and holy hour.

The image of our organization varies in different parts of the state, and on different occasions, but every Mississippian should have heard those prayers and seen those



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilde Fancher

One of the most descriptive words in our vernacular today is "uptight." It describes a whole bunch of us parents.

Some twenty years back, on a cross-country trip with my sister, her husband and their two small children, James and I shared a suite of motel rooms with them one night when accommodations were hard to come by.

The children were so tired that they fell asleep immediately. We grown folks were equally as tired, so we were not far behind them. Everybody was in deep sleep until Jerry, the five-year-old boy, began screaming like a jet motor. All of us nearly ran over each other, shaking our sleep minds enough to decide where we were as we looked for both the light switch and Jerry.

I never have been sure who got to Jerry first, but I guess it was I, as a very logical explanation about his screams, as the rest of us stood listening, "I saw a lion coming in the window and a bear coming in the door and a big black thing flopping right over there in the middle of the floor."

If someone were to ask us worrying parents why we worry, our explanations would be about as logical. I counted ten things I worried about last week. Not one of them got in a window or door or flopped around in the middle of the floor. That's good, but the bad thing is that I wasted all that good time and energy on worrying. In that lost time I could have done all sorts of nice things for my family that would have made them feel more loved and better taken-care-of.

Or I could have spent it in devotional time, which would have made my own disposition better. Who knows? Maybe my children think they see a lion or a bear sometimes, too.

When they take a second look, it's their mother. She just acts like a lion or a bear sometimes. — Box 9151, Jackson 39206.

tears: There are times when we do not live up to the preamble of our constitution which begins "For God and Country we associate ourselves together. . . ." On this historic occasion, our conduct was as honorable as our cause.

The American Legion
Mrs. Ivor Clark, Chaplain
The American Legion Auxiliary
Macon, Ms. 39341

The surest steps toward happiness are the church steps. Tread them often.

Hatred is like a rifle with a plugged barrel. The backfire can be much more dangerous than the shot.

If the sermon, the preacher aims at nothing, he usually hits it.

One reason the way of the transgressor is hard is because it's so crowded.

Some people suffer in silence louder than others.

Pedestrians would like to see more cooperation between horsepower and horsensense.

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New Town Conference Studies New Ministry

By Tim Nicholas
COLUMBIA, Md. (BP) — Although it is not Utopia, Columbia — located halfway between Baltimore and Washington, D. C. — has become a model for the 100-plus planned cities which are now on the drawing board, or under construction, across the country.

These new towns are supposed to be self-supportive, not leaning on the economy of adjacent towns. Ideally, people live, work, learn and worship all in the new town. But worship is one facet of the plan left out by most developers.

For that reason, 50 Southern Baptist denominational leaders and pastors with varied levels of interest in planned cities met here to investigate strategies for congregational development in other new towns.

Warren Rust, metropolitan missions director for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, and organizer of the New Town Conference, said: "To put church development in the new town scene is really a problem to mission designers and mission leaders."

"You can't force it or promote it or manipulate it, but we still have a commission," Rust said. "We have a task to be witnesses of God. Whatever that means in terms of forms is what we need to struggle with."

Southern Baptists have some real problems in thinking in terms of relating in a structured way to other religious groups — even religious oriented groups like the Y. M. C. A., Rust added.

"We're accustomed to going into a city where we see seven church buildings within six city blocks — one for Baptists, one for Methodists, and one for Catholics," Rust said. "We have big blocks of land, all tax exempt, and we continue to set up a competitive system."

Built into the concept of the new towns, however, is planning by the city for an appropriate use of land. "This is a whole new ball game for Baptists," Rust observed.

Columbia is the headquarters of James Hamblen, recently appointed by the SBC Home Mission Board and the Maryland Baptist Convention as new town consultant, providing data concerning relationships, alternatives, and potentials for ministry for Southern Baptist involvement in new towns.

As part of this role, Hamblen will serve as the Southern Baptist Convention representative on the Joint Strategies and Action Committee, and interreligious coalition of new town planners. His work will also include being superintendent of missions for Howard County where Columbia is located.

Because Columbia incorporates some of the best alternatives to disorderly urban growth, she became the model.

There is an architectural review program (including tree preservation procedures), a covenant on the land, package recreation program, interfaith centers, a model school program and community health care program.

As Hamblen said, "It'll cost you a

few bills, but your needs will be cared for."

Actually the median income for Columbians is more than \$15,000 per year, but with the cost of living being higher, it takes it.

The covenant on the land is part of developer Jim Rouse's plan for optimum land use and is tied to the interfaith center's operation.

The current cost of industrial land (including church sites) is \$55,000 for membership, costs \$10,000 per acre.

"CRFC is just a holding corporation — no religious guidelines — its a bricks and mortar landlord," said Hamblen. "They build a facility and lease it to several congregations. They take care of maintenance, insurance, and furnishings."

CRFC was formed by the Columbia Cooperative Ministry which is a Protestant ecumenical venture made up of 13 mainline Protestant denominations and nine local congregations, created to "develop a total ministry to a total community."

The Cooperative Ministry leases space in the Interfaith Center at Wilde Lake, one of seven villages which will make up Columbia when it is completed in the early 1980's.

The Interfaith Center at Wilde Lake will be joined by Interfaith Centers at the other six villages as the villages are built. Since each village has its own unique design, each Interfaith Center will have the same.

The planning team which will tell the CRFC what to build and how, is the Columbia Interfaith Planning Council (CIPC), made up of seven members of the Columbia Cooperative Ministry, seven Roman Catholics, and potentially seven associates (four now including Southern Baptist). Hamblen, among other things has been pastor of the Southern Baptist congregation which meets in a Lutheran Church.

Columbia Baptist Fellowship has 110 members, and holds its worship services at 1:00 on Sunday afternoons. "It's a real test of faith when the Orioles or the Colts are in town," commented Hamblen.

Hamblen is also a member of an organization called Friendship Exchange. "It's a 24-hour emergency service that does everything from walk your dog to deliver food and clothing," he explained.

Hamblen, who began his work in Columbia in 1970, also serves on the Board of Governors of the Urban Life Center, an interdisciplinary group called together by developer Rouse to discuss the total aspects of community development.

Columbia doesn't pretend to be a Utopia. Perhaps it is more like B. F. Skinner's Walden Two, where behavior is consciously modified. The people who moved to Columbia didn't leave their problems in their old communities.

There's a drug problem, some racial tension, and the crime rate is increasing faster than the population rate. No honest attempt at low income housing has been made other than the interfaith housing which has little relationship to low income housing on the outside.

Interfaith Housing was begun by American Baptists and Roman Catholics, who put up \$50,000 seed money because "the developer was not about to build low to moderate income housing."

"We have ghetto-ized those people who live in Interfaith Housing," Hamblen claimed. "I don't think they'll ever get away from the human problems—selfishness, jealousy, pride, envy, strife."

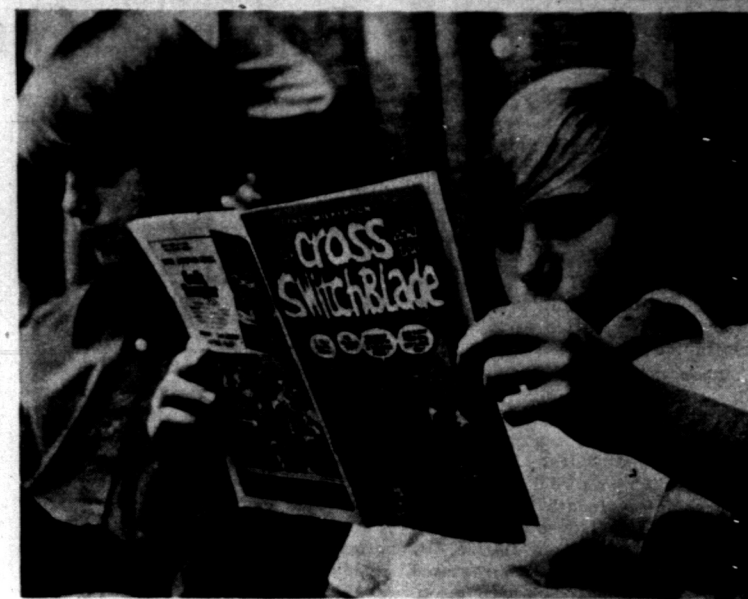
"But I don't want the new town to answer all the problems. I want it to provide an accessible arena into which all the concerns of life can be fed," Hamblen stated.

"In the new towns, we need guys who are very theologically aware. If I had to take my choice between a guy who had a good theology and knew what he believed versus a guy who knew how to organize a perfect church organization, I'd take the former," said Hamblen.

"The new towns are away all your peripheral values — it strips you bare where you have to go back and ask, 'now what is the real mission of the church?'"

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Use Of Comics In Youth Evangelism

Because youngsters are comic book oriented, Fleming H. Revell Company, Old Tappan, New Jersey, sees its new Spire Christian Comics as an important new tool in youth evangelism work. The new comics will feature modern-day Christian adventure stories and for the first two in the series, Revell has selected "The Cross and the Switchblade" and "God's Smuggler."

New Computer System Is Being Created For The Baptist Hospital Of The Future

As societies grow increasingly complex, the need to communicate swiftly and accurately grows in importance, and the hospital, as a mini-society, is a case in point.

The electronic marvels of the computer have been a major factor in meeting the challenge posed by communication needs in a growing institution like Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

The hospital's computer department provides data processing services to virtually every other department in the institution — from payrolls to "Reflector" mailing lists.

With the continued growth of the hospital — and especially with a brand-new 600-bed hospital facility now under construction — the communications challenge is greater than ever.

That's why a program is currently under way to create a new computer system for the hospital of the future which will have 21 times the real internal storage capacity of the present system.

Completion of the new hospital is scheduled for Christmas Day of 1975, but the new computer system will gradually take shape in the existing hospital while the new one is going up.

In September of 1972, the hospital administration added Hilton C. Bowers to its team to coordinate the program to expand the hospital's computer capability.

Bowers came to the hospital from the Division of Medical Care Plans of the Mississippi State Medical Association, where he headed the association's data-processing staff.

Born in Jackson 32 years ago and

educated in his home town, Bowers graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1962, ranking 52nd in a class of 790 graduates.

He earned a Master of Science degree in aeronautical and astronautical engineering in 1963 at the University of Michigan, and in the following year he obtained a similar degree in instrumentation engineering at the same institution.

Continuing to utilize the educational advantages offered during military service, Bowers participated in part-time schooling in engineering and mathematics at Ohio State University over the next four years.

Bowers was registered as a Professional Engineer in Ohio and in 1967 was cited by that state's Society of Professional Engineers as having achieved the highest score in the state that year on his professional examination.

Subsequent to military service, Bowers was employed by International Business Machines as a systems engineer.

In that capacity, he installed major inventory control systems and other systems for doctor billing procedures, payrolls and utility-company billing.

Somewhere along the line, Bowers also found time to study the Russian language and to marry Mona Ulla Svensson, of Copenhagen, Denmark. They have two children — eight-year-old Patrick and four-year-old Lise.

An integral part of the plans for the new Mississippi Baptist Hospital is a system which will provide a capability to transmit information to and

from the main computer at various points throughout the hospital, via some 60 devices utilizing a keyboard and/or light sensing pen for data entry. The light sensing pen offers the capability of "selecting" desired entries from a list offered on the video display tube. The selection is done merely by touching the desired entries with the pen.

The new system will have the advantage of putting hospital personnel in direct and immediate touch, through these devices, with the information they want, rather than having to wait because of the various unavoidable delays inherent in existing systems.

This means that many hospital employees who, in the past, have considered data-processing as something remote will be sitting down at keyboards to punch out questions for the computer to answer almost as soon as the inquirer lifts his fingers from the keyboard near his own desk or station.

In the process, these hospital employees will gradually learn to translate such language as "configuration of IBM 370-145 and 512K with three disks and two tapes," realizing that these disks neither plow a field nor emit the latest hit tune, but transmit information in a hurry in just about any form required.

Working with Bowers on the expanded computer system are Roy Stewart and Leroy Quinn, Sherrell Ballard, Jean Mullican, Martha Sims, Diane McLeod, Mary Iva Boggs, and Diana Siegel — all of them members of the hospital's data processing department.

Year Of Evangelism

Providential Adventures In Christian Witnessing

By R. Othel Feather

My weekend engagement began with a personal prayer that I might encounter someone with whom I might share my personal faith in Jesus Christ, as I flew to my appointment and returned. I was on my return trip with less than thirty minutes prior to landing at the airport near my home. A sudden impulse caused me to feel there was someone on the plane to whom I should speak concerning his relationship to the Lord. Next to me was a vacant aisle seat, the only vacant seat in the tourist compartment of the plane.

Suddenly, the stewardess came by and I inquired if it were possible for me to speak with her briefly. She very graciously consented and took the vacant seat by my side.

Due to the limited time I picked up the conversation at the point of inquiry as to where she had received her training as a stewardess, indicating there was a stewardess college near my home. She stated she had received her training elsewhere. Almost instantly she volunteered

the information that this was her last flight and that she loved her work very much. With some emotion she said, "I will leave this plane today with mixed emotions." Naturally, I inquired why she was giving up the work she enjoyed so much. Her reply was, "Because tomorrow I am marrying a very wonderful young man I love much more than my work as a stewardess."

I asked her to tell me something about the lucky man, her fiancé. She said, "He is the greatest Christian layman I have ever met. I am really disturbed because I may become jealous of the time he spends away from me, serving his church. Also, I think we should begin a Christian home together and I am not a Christian, although I have grown up in a Baptist church with Christian parents."

It was a rich and wonderful experience for me to witness to this one who under the leadership of the Holy Spirit had actually taken the initiative to make inquiry and enable me to present the claims of Christ in a very brief time before the plane landed.

US-2 Volunteers Settle Into New Life Styles In Various Parts Of The Country

By Sandy Simmons

MANY FARMS, Ariz. (BP) — Margie Carothers is studying basket weaving this quarter, not because she has a lot of extra time on her hands, but so she can learn the customs of the Navaho Indians.

Last quarter her husband, Ron, studied the Navaho language. The natives of Gastonia, N. C. are not, however, just curious students.

They are US-2 volunteers assigned by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to work with mission pastor Ted Trent in Many Farms, Ariz., and surrounding area.

Part of their work includes establishing a ministry on the campus of the nation's only Indian-operated and oriented college, Navaho Community College. Their first six months have been spent establishing relationships with the youth, most of whom

they meet through their own classes. They also work with youth in the public schools, including a girl's club in the local high school.

People are sparse in Many Farms. Government boarding schools run by the Bureau of Indian Affairs have built in central locations, and provide most of the job opportunities in the area. Many of the Navaho are shepherds, roaming the vast landscape.

Margie Carothers, a registered nurse before she and her husband volunteered for the two years of mission work, works in her spare time as a volunteer nurse in the town's health clinic. The nearest hospital is 60 miles away.

The Carothers are part of a mission task force of 52 volunteers appointed for two years. Appointed each year, last summer's 25 appointees are on the fields as of January. The remaining 27 will be completing their terms during this year and will return to school or professions.

Serving in mission fields from Alaska to Vermont, all the appointees are college graduates and several have seminary degrees. More than half of the new appointees are former student summer missionaries; others were in Baptist Student Unions during college.

Among the force is Gwen Williams of Alexandria, La., the first black US-2er. She is working in church music consultation in a heavily-black populated area of Detroit, where she served as a summer missionary for two summers.

Other US-2ers are involved in good-will centers, musical programs for youth, inner-city outreach ministries, beginning Baptist work for colleges and local church programs. One US-2er is an interpreter to the deaf, another is helping the SBC's Brotherhood Commission in Memphis develop a lay program oriented to young men.

Their days are different now from the usual days in school or summer jobs.

For Dick Lemaster, his first few weeks in Taos, N. M., where he works with members of Hippie commune and in resort areas, went like this: "Finished unpacking and setting in apartment — looked for and acquire transportation — helped Jasper put up teepee — helped plan Jesus-concert — helped one day with hay Crop — cleaned up after fire damage in church member's home — distributed 11 copies of Gospel of John — did catch — up reading on world religions — took blankets to Morningstar, New Buffalo and Jesus Ranch

communes."

"Lemaster is representative of this crew," observed Joel Land, assistant secretary in the Home Mission Board's department of special mission ministries. "They're a creative, innovative bunch and early reports indicate they're doing a good job already."

Lemaster has recorded some significant experiences already. One was a seven-hour visit to Lama-Found, a commune. Following the visit he said he found "community in rapping and visiting and particularly in their worship service, where we could read a whole lot of the essence of the gospel, and hugging them all when we left."

A Letter To The Editor Prompts "Bible Phone" For The Aging

By Robert LaFavre

ATLANTA (BP) — A letter to the editor of Southern Baptists' foreign missions monthly magazine provided the seed for a unique idea to minister to the needs of elderly Christians who are losing their eyesight and can no longer read Christian literature.

Bridging the generation gap, the new program called "Bible Phone" was launched by the campus minister at Georgia here.

Dick Houston, a Baptist minister at Georgia State, read in the August 1972 issue of The Commission magazine a letter to the editor written by 90-year-old Minnie T. Speck of Garland, Tex.

Mrs. Speck had been a subscriber to the foreign mission magazine for 20 years, but was entering her last subscription. Her advanced years and loss of eyesight prompted her action.

Houston realized there are many elderly people with the same problem, and decided to seek a way to

help those unable to read because of failing eyesight or other handicaps.

He contacted an Atlanta communications firm seeking a machine that would play lengthy tapes to a telephone caller. He wanted to establish a "call-in" ministry similar to the popular "Dial-A-Prayer," but the tapes would have to be much longer.

He was told no such equipment was available — only equipment with short playback capability. An electronics bug, Houston decided to try to build his own equipment.

With long hours of work late at night, he designed and built a system that will play 20 minutes in response to a telephone call.

With the help of six Georgia Baptist Student Union members, the "Bible Phone" as they called it was launched in January.

Now, 24 hours a day, callers to (404) 650-3360 in Atlanta may receive up to 20 minutes of recorded material from a variety of sources.

During the daytime, readings come from Southern Baptist Sunday School lessons, and three SBC magazines — The Commission, Home Missions magazine published by the SBC Home Mission Board, and Home Life, a devotional and family magazine published by the SBC Sunday School Board.

At night, readings from the scriptures are available. The American Bible Society gave permission for Houston to transfer from their records to his tapes the readings of scriptures for late-night callers on the "Bible Phone."

Each day, the readings are different. The nature of the equipment is such that tapes need be changed only once a week. Yet no program is repeated from one day to the next.

At present, three telephone lines to the equipment at the Baptist Student Center here provide opportunity to serve more than 1,500 persons a week with what Houston believes is

the first ministry of its type in the nation.

Recording the selections on tape is the work of the students assisting Houston. They select appropriate passages from the magazines and scriptures.

Houston originally envisioned the program essentially to help the blind, but now his concept has widened.

He wants to use it to reach the people of the city — the lonely, the tired, friendless and sometimes helpless people.

To inform people of the program, brochures describing the "Bible Phone" are going to rest homes, retirement complexes and hospitals in the area. Pastors of Baptist churches have been asked to share the information with their members.

Houston is encouraged by the response. And he finds hope in the fact that the idea started when a 90-year-old lady wrote a letter to the editor.

Dr. Cauthen Returns, Cites Needs

RICHMOND (BP) — Foreign Mission Board Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen, returning from visits to three mission points in the Middle East, has called for new impetus in the advance of mission work overseas.

He emphasized that additional funds and personnel are imperative to meet new opportunities and needs in the areas he visited and in other parts of the world.

Cauthen delivered the dedicatory address at the opening of Bangalore (India) Baptist Hospital. Then he and his wife participated in a church dedication in Teheran, Iran, and visited Baptist-supported reconstruction work in Bangladesh.

While in Bangladesh the Cauthens met with President Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury who expressed appreciation for past Southern Baptist assistance. Cauthen assured him of continuing support.

Impressed by opportunities he saw typified in the work he visited, Cauthen said that, "opportunities such as we have in India and invitations such as the one we are now considering from the Republic of Niger are too

significant for us to turn away."

Currently the Foreign Mission Board is considering action on an invitation to project work in Niger. This West African nation would become the 77th foreign country where Southern Baptist missionaries are assigned.

Cauthen added that, "the call for 800 new missionaries in our existing 76 fields dramatizes the current open door."

In answering that call he stated, "such advance depends on funds to fight off the foreign inflation factor on the one hand and support the new personnel needed on the other."

Pointing toward a projected increase in missionary appointments, Cauthen said, "we are expecting to process well over 200 missionary candidates in 1973 with faith that Southern Baptists will continue to express their missionary convictions through the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering."

He said that while prospects for new personnel look good in 1973, sound financial support must accompany any increases in the missionary force.

At the same time, he added, "we cannot forget the needs of the 2,500 missionaries currently deployed around the world."

8,090 Families Interviewed In Hattiesburg Survey

Twenty churches in Hattiesburg participated in an interdenominational telephone survey January 18-25.

Approximately 250 telephoners and 175 processors and typists telephoned the constituents, processed the cards and typed the results. Of the 11,896 families assigned 834 were checked as disconnections, vacant or unlisted.

Of the 11,062 families with telephones still listed and in service 8,090 cards were filled out or 73.1 per cent of this number. Those refusing numbered 421 or 3.9 per cent of those contacted, and 2,251 were not at home or 20.3 per cent of those called.

Of the 8,090 families interviewed, which represents approximately 25,000 persons, 5,034 of these were reported as having no one over nine years of age who was not a member of a local church or any additional person who did not attend Sunday School as often as once a month. Of the 3,056 families who had prospects either for church membership, the moving of church membership, or Sunday School, 2,384 were listed as over nine and not members of any church; 1,867 held membership outside Forrest County; and 1,584 were not attending Sunday School regularly. This was a total of 5,835 prospects or approximately 23.3 per cent of those contacted.

Compared with a recent survey in the Jackson area 5.2 per cent refused, 25.5 per cent were not at home and the prospects equaled 18.4 per cent of those contacted.



Baptist Men's Day At Hardy

Baptist Men's Day at Hardy Church, Grenada County, got a kick-off early Sunday, January 28, with a breakfast at a local inn attended by 35 men and boys. Therman Bryant, associate, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was guest speaker and also spoke at the morning worship service. Special music was provided as all men filled the choir. The evening service featured a young speaker, Allen Purdie, who gave his personal testimony and sang and



played his guitar; and John Gattis, a member of the church, who spoke on the topic, "A Man's Place in Home, Church, and Community". Pictured above left is the Youth Quartet who brought special music (left to right) Johnny Caldwell, Jimmy Purdie, Mike Moss and Clovis Caldwell, Jr. Pictured at right also (left to right) are Rev. Charles Jones, pastor, Allen Purdie, John Gattis, and Therman Bryant.

Florida Licenses Luther Rice Seminary

The Luther Rice Seminary announced that it has now been licensed by the State of Florida. Two years ago the State of Florida formed the State Board of Independent Colleges and Universities. A stringent law was passed requiring all degree-granting institutions to be licensed after a thorough examination by this board.

The president of one of the Florida Baptist educational institutions, which also has received its license, states that this license procedure is the next thing to accreditation. The Luther Rice Seminary has been an approved school by the State Approval Agency for Private Schools for more than eight years. It has also been approved by Selective Service as a seminary and by the Veterans Administration as an institution for G. I. benefits. This new license is another step in Luther Rice progress. Forms are now being completed for application from the Luther Rice

Seminary to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Several fully accredited colleges and one fully accredited seminary accept credits of the Luther Rice

Seminary. "We are thankful and justly proud of the progress which Luther Rice has made in its short history," states Robert Witty, president.

MC Receives \$1500 Grant From Shell

Mississippi College has received a \$1500 donation from the Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated, under its Shell Assists Program.

Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college, said Mississippi College was one of a number of privately supported colleges or universities to receive the grant. It is the 13th consecutive year Mississippi College has been included.

Charles E. Parker, Jr., senior vice-president of Shell Companies Foundation, stated in his letter to Dr. Nobles that the \$1500 was to be used for three

\$500 grants.

The first \$500 is to be placed in the general budget of the college for use as the president sees fit.

The second \$500 grant is to be used for general faculty development at the discretion of Dr. Charles E. Martin, vice-president for academic affairs, while the third \$500 is for additional development of individual faculty members of a designated department. Dr. Archie Germany, chairman of the Division of Science and Mathematics, will handle grant three.

Shell stipulated that grants two and three should help to encourage increased faculty participation in scholarly professional activities, such as attendance at professional society meetings, personal researches and publication of the results, travel in the interest of scholarship, and the general well-being of faculties in a contemplative atmosphere.

African Counselor Has "A School In His Head"

By June P. Carter

RICHMOND (BP)—Oumarou Youssoufou has a school in his head, and he has asked the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to help him get it out.

The property is ready, the buildings designed. Now funds and personnel must be found, and the tall young African, a native of the Republic of Niger (pronounced Ni-ger), is seeking them with evangelistic zeal.

Youssoufou (you-self-foo), a civil servant rather than an evangelist, is a Christian. In his country Christians are a pitiful minority. "I know every Christian in the country," he declares.

He envisions a Christian school there, a vocational school where young Africans can learn such trades as plumbing, carpentry and leatherwork—and hear the gospel.

Although he hoped to open it last October, he is not discouraged that ground is yet unbroken for the first building. "God has a different schedule — and He hasn't given me the new date," he explains.

If Southern Baptists take on the project, or agree to help with it, Niger could become the 77th country to have Southern Baptist Mission work. It would be the sixth in West Africa with French as its official language.

A borderland of the Sahara Desert, Niger is a Muslim nation, and Youssoufou sees his government's open policy on religion as "an incredible opportunity" for Christians.

A year ago the minister of health asked for 11 Christian doctors (with full support of their churches) to work in government hospitals in Niger. "So far," says Youssoufou, "I have not been able to give him one." The offer is still open, he adds.

Youssoufou, a counselor with his country's embassy in Washington, D. C., recently talked with Foreign Mission Board officials here to try to interest them in his school. His burning concern is that the school be staffed by "born-again Christians," persons

who live their religion in their jobs.

To be a Christian school, it must be run by Christians, he continues. "If a Christian is really born again, he'll tell people about Jesus Christ. If one plumber could come for two years and train 20 plumbers, and 10 of these became Christians, then that plumber would have done a great missionary service."

Teachers must be willing to relate to blacks as equals, insist Youssoufou, accepting them as human beings created in the image of God, regardless of their rank or whether they hold a college degree. "It isn't what teachers say, but what they do; actions speak very loudly," emphasizes the embassy counselor, who received his early education in mission schools.

He is interested in seeing short-term people staff the school because in 10 years ("it may take 15 or 20") he would like to see it staffed entirely by African Christians.

Youssoufou speaks fluent English, as well as French, Niger's official language, and Hausa, the language of his own ethnic group. He also "gets along" in several other languages.

In addition to his other duties, he is vice president and treasurer of Africare, a fledgling organization founded by corporations and individuals concerned with improving medical care on the continent.

Youssoufou has lived in the United States for five years. He and his wife, a Nigerian and a former school teacher, have three children. They attend Temple Baptist Church in Washington, and it was their pastor, Keith Koch, who suggested the contact with the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

Meanwhile, board officials are studying the situation before coming to a decision about opening work in Niger. H. Cornell Goerner, administrator for work in Africa, considers it a good opportunity. He is concerned, however, because so few Southern Baptist missionary couples are equipped to work in the French

language. Southern Baptist work in other French-speaking countries is new, and reinforcements are needed there.

Once a vocationally trained layman and his wife are found to go to Niger, it would still take four months of missionary orientation and a year of language study before they would be ready to begin work there.

Youssoufou has come first to Southern Baptists. If they cannot help he will go somewhere else. "I have no idea who will do it — maybe the Methodists — but someone will do it," he declares.

There's something about the way he says it that makes you believe someone will.

MC To Sponsor 21-Day Study Tour Of Japan

Mississippi College will sponsor a 21-day student tour of Japan this summer with participants given the chance of earning three semester hours of college credit for the journey.

Dr. F. D. Hewitt, Jr., instructor in history, alumni secretary, and tour coordinator, said the tour would be from June 15 through July 6 with all the major cities in Japan being visited.

A survey of the political, cultural and economic history of Japan, with special attention to United States-Japanese relations will be studied. Special reading will be assigned prior to the tour, and lectures will be given during the tour by English speaking Japanese professors or by qualified American nationals residing in Japan.

In addition to a stay in Tokyo, the tour group will visit Kamakura, capital of Japan in the Middle Ages; the Hakone National Park, with Mt. Fuji; and Kyoto, the ancient cultural capital which reflects classic Japan.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED: Oumarou Youssoufou, counselor in Washington with the embassy of the Republic of Niger, and H. Cornell Goerner of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, shake hands following a conference at board headquarters in Richmond. Youssoufou met with board officials to discuss the possibility of opening Southern Baptist work in his country, which is north of Nigeria. (BP Photo by James E. Legg)

There will also be trips to Nara, the first capital, and such modern cities as Osaka, Kobe and the resurrected city of Hiroshima, once the victim of the atomic bomb.

Dr. Hewitt said the Fourth of July would be spent in Honolulu, the natural bridge for the cultures of the East and the West.

The tour can be taken for credit or non-credit. Persons interested in additional information should contact Dr. Hewitt at the college or write to P. O. Box 4027, Clinton, Mississippi, 39058.



Pleasant Valley (Simpson) Is Building

On January 14, Pleasant Valley Church, Simpson County, broke ground for an educational building. This building, 30 x 68, will include a fellowship hall, kitchen, class rooms, study, rest rooms, baptistry, and dressing rooms. Those participating in the ground-breaking ceremony

were, from left, Annette Elzy, representative of the youth, Hugh Garner, chairman of deacons, Mrs. Sue Garner, Chairman of the Building Committee, Rev. James Edwards, pastor, and Fred Grantham, representative of the adults.

Lauderdale Pastors Against Government Funds For Individuals In Private Colleges

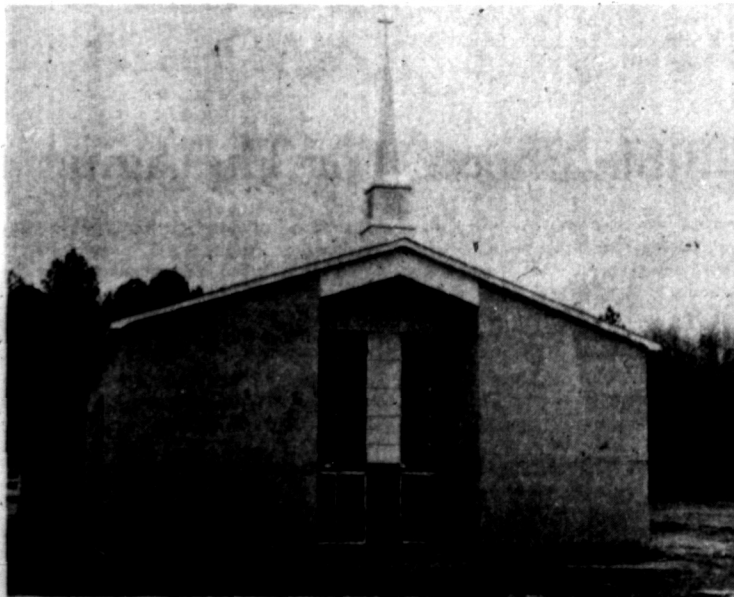
The pastors' conference of Lauderdale Association on Monday, February 5, adopted the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that we go on record as opposing Senate Bill No. 1526 and House Bill No. 479 which recommend that state funds be given to individuals as tuition grants to attend private and religious colleges. It is our firm conviction that if our schools are oriented to a positively sectarian point of view they should not be supported by tax funds and if they are not they should cease to exist as de-

nominational colleges and be supported by mission giving.

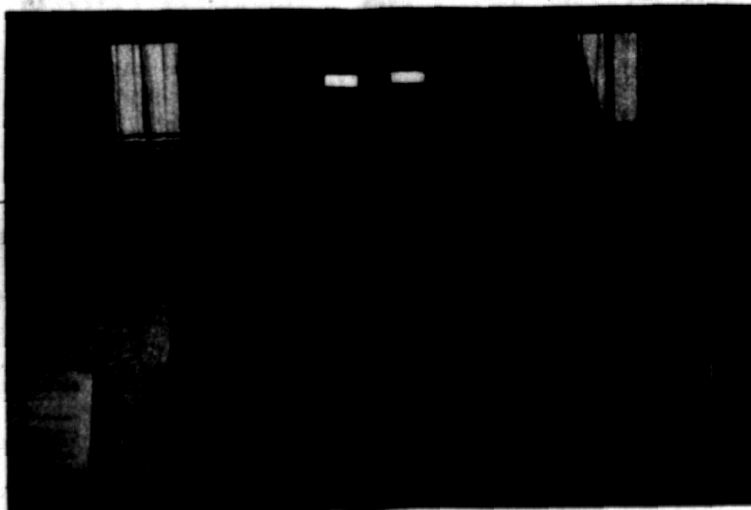
"It is further noted that the Mississippi Baptist Convention has spoken strongly on several occasions against Baptist colleges receiving tax monies whether from the federal, state or local level."

The first "President of the United States in Congress assembled" was John Hanson, who was President under the Articles of Confederation eight years before George Washington took his oath of office.



North Calvary Dedicates Sanctuary

North Calvary Church, Philadelphia, dedicated its new auditorium on Jan. 14, at 2 p.m., with a capacity crowd. This is the third building program for the church, which was organized in 1960. The new building consists of auditorium with seating capacity of 425 and additional educational space. Sunday School on dedication day broke all attendance records. Pastor of the 330-member church is Rev. David Kendall.



152-Year-Old Ebenezer Buys New Pews

Ebenezer Church, Jeff Davis Association, now 152 years old, has bought and installed new pews, pictured above. The pastor, Rev. Coley Arender, reports that the church has also recently finished tiling the kitchen and dining area. The pews and tile are paid for, and the church is debt-free.



MC High School Day: March 17

These two Mississippi College students, Jane Reed of East Point, Ga. and Barry Hardy of Kosciusko, are serving as co-chairmen for the 1973 High School Day activities scheduled for Saturday, March 17. Their planning and hard work will make this year's effort the most complete program ever. (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)

Zechariah Points To The Promise Of A Better Day

By Clifton J. Allen
Zechariah 8: 13; 14: 9

The Hebrew prophets were spokesmen for God to declare his word about the current situation. But they were also prophets of hope. Zechariah, to a remarkable degree, was able to see the promise of a better day for God's people. In chapter 8 we have the promise of restoration and joy, to be accomplished through God's zeal and sovereignty. In chapter 13 we have the promise of cleansing for the house of David, of the cutting off of idolatry, of the removal of false prophets, and of a turning to the Lord on the part of a faithful remnant. In chapter 14, we have the promise of the coming age when the Lord will become king over all the earth. The truth proclaimed by Zechariah pointed toward the fulfillment of God's purpose in the coming of Jesus Christ.

The Lesson Explained
THE LORD JEALOUS FOR ZION
(vv. 1-6)

The Lord was jealous for Zion, or Jerusalem, with great jealousy. His jealousy pointed to the intensity of his feeling or concern — to effect judgment on those who resisted his righteous purpose but primarily to effect the restoration of his people and to cause them to be responsive to him as their covenant Lord. And thus Jerusalem would be called a "city of truth" or the faithful city. Old men and old women would move along the streets, even though aged and feeble, without fear of attack or harm. The streets would be filled with boys and girls at play. Their contentment would be expressive of their well-being, of peace and harmony and blessing. God would do something which he alone could do. It would also be marvelous in his eyes, even the eyes of the Lord of hosts.

RESTORATION AND RENEWAL
(vv. 7-8)

The truth declared by Zechariah emphasizes God's saving work. He declared that he would save his people from the east and the west; he would gather his scattered people from places of exile and captivity and cause them to dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, where he himself had promised to come and dwell in their midst. The climax of his saving work would be bringing his people to the point of covenant renewal so that in reality, they would be as if they had never been separated from God. "The deepest purpose of all of God's acts is salvation for his people. His acts of both judgment and mercy are saving in intent and in ultimate outcome. God was seeking to prepare

a people for his own possession, who would be marked by truth and righteousness.

PEACE AND PROSPERITY
(vv. 11-13)

These verses, and the ones immediately preceding, seem to relate specifically to rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem. They could now be confident that the Lord would deal with them with special mercy and help. Their labors would not be fruitless. The seeds of their own would bring forth a harvest, the vine would bear fruit, the heavens would give rain, the labors of the people would be prospered for the provision of needful things. Even though the remnant had been a byword of cursing among the nations, God was giving assurance to the house of Judah and the house of Israel that they could look forward to the peace and prosperity of a new era of grace. God's promise was enough to deliver them from fear and to call them to cooperation and hard work for the rebuilding of the Temple and for the reestablishment of themselves as the called people of God. Their election obligated them to be a means of blessing toward all other peoples.

Truths to Live By

God is with us in power. — This truth is so staggering in meaning that we do not begin to grasp it. In fact, we are so prone to forget it. And as a result, we succumb to temptation, we become afraid in the face of danger, we become fainthearted when we encounter opposition or staggering difficulty, and we lose heart and give up all too often if the things we seek to do for the Lord seem fruitless or call for real struggle and self-denial. The fact that God is with us in power should make us realize that we have help beyond our strength. We have wisdom and power from the Spirit.

What God is doing in the world should be our motivation to participate. — We know all too well, at least in general ways, what God is doing in the world. He is opposing error and pushing back the black curtains of

spiritual darkness. He is making truth to prevail in the world. He is causing justice to spread in the earth. He is executing the laws of good and evil: as one sows, so shall one reap. God through Christ is reconciling the world to himself, breaking down the hostility in human hearts by revealing to people the riches of grace. God is saving people by calling them to repentance and encouraging them to put their faith in the Son of God. God is bringing comfort and encouragement and healing to broken hearts and troubled minds and diseased bodies. But much of what God is doing in the world waits upon the human medium. He has chosen people to become his servants of righteousness, heralds of truth, messengers of salvation, and agents of mercy in ministering to the lonely and suffering and lost multitudes in the world. Indeed, then, we shall be unto the praise of his glory; we shall show forth the excellence of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

God's purpose is one of goodness for his people. — The promise of a better day proclaimed by the prophet pointed toward the time when God's people would speak the truth to one another, they would set forward the cause of justice, and they would practice the things that make for peace. How much clearer the truth in the light of the Christian gospel! Christians are meant to be in very reality holy ones before the Lord, the true disciples of the living Christ. And this means that their conversation and their conduct before the world, their relationships with their fellowmen, their practices in business, their stewardship of time and material possessions, and the ideals and values to which they give their devotion are all meant to declare that they are the people of God, true followers of Christ the Lord.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

A Christian View Of Marriage

By Bill Duncan
1 Corinthians 7

How many of the following are true or false?

1. People marry because they love each other.
2. Most married people love each other.
3. Love is necessary for a satisfactory marriage.
4. There are inherent behavioral and attitudinal differences between female and male and these differences cause most marital troubles.
5. The advent of children automatically improves potentially difficult marriage.
6. Loneliness will be cured by marriage.
7. If you can tell your spouse where to go, you have a poor marriage.

Lederer and Jackson, writing on the Mirages of Marriages, states all seven assumptions commonly held about marriage are false. When one thinks of Christian marriage, he must think of the persons who have been united as being Christian persons. It is impossible for a marriage to be Christian if only one member of the partnership is a Christian. A single Christian can give great

influence but not as much as when both are in love with Christ.

There is no substitute for love in a Christian marriage. We hear a lot about love but God's love is what sanctifies love in the home. God's love makes all the kinds of love like erotic love and companionable love meaningful. Love honors and respects the other. We love each other because of our love for Christ. Christ becomes the head of the house as he becomes the head of each individual.

Dr. Clark Hensley and his wife, Margaret, have a new book called "Behaving At Home" which has been helpful to me in writing this study. Someone is quoted in the book as saying, "The marriage partner is not a possession to be prized but a person to be loved."

Every marriage will have adjustments that must be made. The possible strength in the adjustments is the maturity and religious faith each brings to the marriage altar. Three adjustment patterns are seen in marriage. (1) The person with the dominant personality has his or her way. (2) They face the adjustment and both get mad and nothing is settled. (3) They decide together which is the best way for them. The only way adjustments can be solved is by communication, for without it intimacy dies.

A Christian marriage will have Christian practices in it. The Christians will observe Christian worship and try to have the influence toward others that is good. The home should have conversations that are Christian. The Christian marriage will practice the Christian graces of courtesy, love, joy, and peace. The goals of the two partners will be according to God's will.

A marriage that is Christian will be a cooperative partnership. Both the husband and the wife have equal rights, privileges, duties, responsibilities, and obligations. For the strengthening and enrichment of the partnership, there must be new information, new experiences, new points of view, new understanding, and new insight to adjust to changes. An example is that the marriage will need new friends and drop some old friends. Many marriages go through boredom because of the lack of the new.

Marriage exists for the purpose of love. One aspect of love is sex. The Bible plainly teaches that sex is a gift of God. There is nothing dirty or unholy about it when properly directed in marriage. It was given to humans for procreation and the enjoyment of the marriage. "Paul, the apostle, taught that a good sex life for a married couple was important. If sex is dominant, it is destructive; but if it is made a servant of agape love then it becomes as God intended — a sacramental expression in marriage of mature love."

NEW TRACT — Ben J. Connell (left), director of the Baptist Men's Mission Support Department of the Brotherhood Commission, and J. Ralph Hardee, director of the Seminary Extension Home Study Institute, examine a newly published tract "Baptist Men and Seminary Extension Studies." (Brotherhood Commission photo by Steve Wall)



Harry Hollis, Jr.

SPECIAL RESOURCE: Dr. Harry Hollis, Jr., Director of Moral Concerns, Southern Baptist Convention

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- "A Christian Critique of Pornography" Dr. Hollis
- "Other Current Moral Concerns in Mississippi" Dr. Hensley
- "What To Do About Pornography" Dr. Hollis
- From Censorship to Education
- "What Mississippi Baptists Are Doing About Pornography" Dr. Hensley
- "The Obscenity of Violence" Dr. Hollis

(Opportunity will be given for questions and group discussion with practical suggestions as to techniques in coping with these problems. All interested in these problems are invited to participate.)

Cascilla Men's Day

Cascilla Church, Tallahatchie County, observed Men's Day. Men of the church filed the choir and brought special music for both services. G. R. Standridge, led the church in responsive reading for the morning service; Wayne Buchanan led in the evening.

Two of the young married men brought sermonettes, Palmer Smith on "Being a Good Steward" and Rolfe Wolfe on "Living Faith." In the evening service the pastor, Rev. Roy R. Marshall, climaxed the day with the message "There Was A Man." The church commented on this being their first Men's Day and how much the day meant to them.

You are certain to get the worst of the bargain when you exchange ideas with a fool.

Sometimes it's hard to decide which is worse — living within an income or without one.

Greenfield Adds Two To Staff

Joe Abrams, who first went to Greenfield Church, Greenville, as interim music director, has been elected as music director there.

Mr. Abrams, born in Columbus, Mississippi, attended U. S. Naval School of Music Army Element, Mississippi College, University of Southern Mississippi, and University of Mississippi.

For additional graduate work, he attended New Orleans Seminary, and is presently engaged in doctoral study at University of Mississippi.

He has taught music in public schools, served as minister of music in several churches, and has served in many places involving his music career. He is presently employed at Mississippi Delta Junior College and is now serving as chairman of the Fine Arts Department at the college. They have two children.

Mr. Abrams is the son of the associate editor of the Baptist Record.

Greenfield's newest staff member, Gary Pearce, pictured, went to Greenfield as part-time youth director



Pearce

he is very active with the young people and has a talent for singing and playing his guitar.

BMC To Be Test Center For National Teacher Exams

The National Teacher Examination will be administered on April 7, at Blue Mountain College which has been designated as a test center.

According to William N. Washburn, Academic Dean, many college seniors preparing to teach and teachers applying for certification, licensure, or those seeking positions in school systems which encourage or require the NTE will be taking the tests. In addition, the designation of Blue Mountain College as a test center for these examinations will give prospective teachers in this area an opportunity to compare their performance on the examinations with candidates throughout the country who take the tests, Dean Washburn said.

Publication of information describing registration procedures and containing Registration Forms as well as sample test questions may be obtained from the Dean's Office at Blue Mountain College or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, Educational Testing Service, Box 911, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

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Linn Church (Sunflower): February 25 - March 2; services on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; week-day services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. Roy Myers, pastor of Mt. Zion Church, Independence, evangelist; Morris Downs, in charge of the music; Rev. Dale Wilson, pastor.

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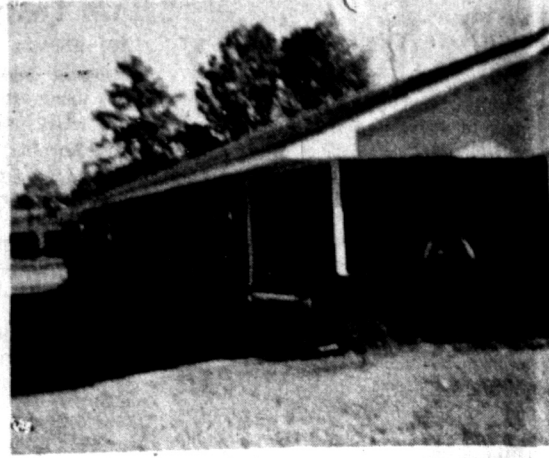
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Runnelstown Burns Note On Pastorum

First Church, Runnelstown, Perry County, on January 21 burned the note on their pastorum. In photo at left are, l to r: Thomas Conway, A. W. Blackwell, Rev. Herman McAlpin, pastor, and H. C. Shoemaker. Other Building Committee members (not pictured) were W. M. Gandy and J. G. Odom. A. M. Holder, deceased, was



Note On Pastorum

contractor, and also a deacon of the church. The debt-free pastorum, pictured at right, has a living-dining area, kitchen, four bedrooms, two baths, and double carport. With church now debt-free, plans are being made for renovation of the Sunday School annex.

Off The Record

High-ranking officers on the Pentagon where huddled planning a hypothetical invasion. They fed information into the computer and asked the question, "Should the invasion be from the east or from the west?" Lights flashed, bells rang, wheels clicked and the computer came with the answer "Yes." A three-star general jumped up and down and shouted "Yes, what?" Light flashed and bells rang again and the computer answered, "Yes SIR!"

And there's the Beduin who hung a bell on a camel and got a hump dinger!

Bureaucracy is based on a willingness either to pass the buck or to spend it.

Devotional

The Danger Of Covetousness

By Billy McKay, Pastor, Madison
Exodus 20:17

It has been said that covetousness is a wild beast that will devour both its owner and his intended victim. Thus, we see something of the danger of violating this command. This is the capstone of all the commandments. By it Paul knew that he was condemned before God. It opens up the secret rivers of sin within the human heart. Experts tell us that great rivers flow beneath the surface of the earth, as great, or greater than those above it. Jesus taught us that sin has its origin within a man. Consider:



I. Its cause. Freud, the father of Psychoanalysis, compared the inner personality to an iceberg which was mostly concealed by water. The Bible states that man has within him a nature corrupted by sin and this constitutes the cause of man's desire toward sin.

II. Its curse. The curse of this command is that in breaking it one violates all the other nine. Apply the principle of covetousness to commandments one through nine and the results will be that the spirit of all nine will be violated. That is why this command is the capstone of all the commandments.

III. Its cure. The first nine commands say my actions are condemned; the tenth command says that I am condemned! (cf. Romans 7:24). In Deuteronomy 5, which is a counterpart to Exodus 20, there is an account of the people's response to the law given by Moses. When they saw the holiness of God they begged for a Mediator. God in his mercy sent our Lord Jesus Christ as the only Mediator between God and man (cf. I Tim. 2:5-6). This is the cure for every sin including the sin of covetousness.

"Let your manner of life be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have; for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5).



Student-Pastor Banquet At BMC

Eighty-six attended the annual student-pastor banquet in Ray Dining Hall at Blue Mountain College. This included ministerial students, their wives, associational superintendents, their wives, Baptist Convention guests, and on-campus officials. Guest speakers and other program participants are featured, front row, left to right: Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor, Ridgecrest, Jackson; Dr. Foy Rogers, director, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, which department sponsored the banquet, and Therman V. Bryant, associate in the same department, directing In-Service Training. Standing, left to right: Dr. James L. Travis, Professor of Bible at BMC and advisor for the college's Ministerial Alliance; William N. Washburn, academic dean of BMC; and Dr. E. Harold Fisher, Blue Mountain College President. (Dr. Kelly, Dr. Rogers, and Mr. Bryant are all natives of Pontotoc County.)

Names In The News

R. Allen Orr, native of Alabama, Baptist campus minister at the University of Colorado, Boulder, was elected a regional personnel representative of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Jan. 9. He is to begin his new job April 15. Based in Kansas City, Mo., Orr will counsel with persons and groups interested in foreign mission service and will channel qualified volunteers into screening procedures leading toward missionary appointment. His assigned territory covers 20 states and includes Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, and Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Golmon, missionaries, may now be addressed at No. 1 Lane 142, Ren Ai Rd., Sec. 3, Taipei 100, Taiwan. A Mississippian, Golmon was born in Franklin County and lived in Moss Point during much of his early life.

Allen Hill has recently joined the staff of First Church, Lexington, in the position of minister of music and youth. He goes from a similar position with First Church, Carriere. Rev. Gus Merritt is pastor of First Church, Lexington.

Roger Mudd, noted Columbia Broadcasting System newscaster, will visit Mississippi College on Tuesday, Feb. 27, to address students, faculty and townspeople concerning happenings in the nation's capitol. The program will be held in Nelson Auditorium starting at 8 p. m. and is part of the Lyceum Program of the college. The CBS correspondent for Congress, Mudd has been reporting from Capitol Hill for over 12 years. In 1964 he set a record in marathon reporting of the Senate debate on the Civil Rights Bill, broadcasting for 67 days from the Senate steps.

First Church of New Albany has licensed Larry Dunlap to the gospel ministry. He is a native of Union County, and is a graduate of Blue Mountain College. He is married to the former Dot Caldwell of New Albany, and they have one girl and one boy, Laurie 6, and Rhett 3. They reside at 333 Cleveland, New Albany. The pastor, Rev. William F. Evans, says that Larry is available for church work.



Charles Jones was ordained as deacon by Wayside Church, Yalobusha County, on January 28. Pictured above are Mr. Jones, center, his pastor, Rev. Bobby Griffin, and Rev. Lanny Wilbourn, who preached the ordination sermon.

Ruth Ford, emeritus missionary to China and Indonesia, is working as staff nurse at the missionary orientation center at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga. (address: P. O. Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822). Miss Ford is a native of Patterson, Ill. Before her appointment in 1935, she was a physician's assistant in Shelby, Miss., and school nurse at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. She retired from missionary service in 1972.

A Baptist layman - turned - denominational worker has been elected chairman of the board of the Memphis branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He is Alvin 'Bo' Huffman Jr., who has been executive vice president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission for the past seven months. Mr. Huffman, who will have completed six years on the board when his second term expires at the end of 1973, was elected chairman of the board at a recent meeting. This is the second time he has received this signal honor. He previously held this position in 1970. Appointed to the position in 1967 by the Board of Governors in Washington, Mr. Huffman has represented industry on the board. He was one of 20 businessmen from all over the nation invited to attend a Washington conference with the Federal Reserve Bank Board of Governors on Phase II economic controls last spring.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Bethae, missionaries to East Africa, are currently engaged in language study in Kenya (address: Box 32, Limuru, Kenya). Dr. Bethae was born in Hattiesburg, Miss., and reared in Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. Bethae is the former Lizette McCall of Memphis. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1959, he practiced obstetrics in Memphis for eight years.

Native Mississippi Pastor Now Missionary In Wyoming

By W. J. Hughes

(NOTE: A native Mississippi pastor is carrying out the new Home Mission Board theme, "Crossing Barriers with the Gospel," in a south-central area of Wyoming. Pastoral missionary W. J. Hughes has accepted transfer by the Home Mission Board from Grand Forks, N. Dakota, where he worked for the past fifteen years, to the Energy Basin area of Carbon County, Wyoming. He sends the following report from the new work.)

The Energy Basin is comprised of four small towns which are separated by many miles with sparsely populated areas in between. We have been able to begin Sunday School and worship service in the four towns, making a Sunday circuit of 185 miles.

Hanna, where we reside, almost became a ghost town after the coal mines

closed in 1954. When the mines reopened about three years ago, a surge of growth began. A housing area and shopping center spring up, a medical clinic recently opened (the first medical services in the area in 20 years). Population has risen to about 1,200 and continues to grow week by week.

Shirley Basin is a town on wheels, all of the residents living in mobile homes and working in the uranium mines. If you were a fan of the "Virginian" TV series, you are acquainted with the name Medicine Bow. It is still a very typical Western town, with the Virginian hotel the most prominent building. Elk Mountain is a picturesque little town of less than 300 people, at the foot of a winding mountain road.

There has never been an evangelical church in any of these towns. Elk Mountain has never had a constituted church of any kind. The churches here seem to have influenced only a small percentage of the people. There seems to be very little religious pretense - in fact, very little religion. Many of the people just honestly tell me that they have never attended church in their lives.

My Sunday schedule goes like this: Shirley Basin, worship at 9:00 followed by Sunday School.

Hanna, Sunday School at 10:00, followed by worship.

Elk Mountain, Sunday School at 2:00 followed by worship.

Medicine Bow, Sunday School at 7:00 followed by worship.

My wife, Dorothy, teaches Sunday School in three of the places and our older son, Sam, plays the piano for two of the worship services. Mark, age 13, and Martha, age 11, have also taken their turn teaching younger children when needed. I have a Bible

study in Hanna on Wednesday evenings, in Shirley Basin on Thursdays and Medicine Bow on Fridays. Dorothy has a ladies' Bible class on Tuesday mornings in Medicine Bow and Wednesday afternoons in Elk Mountain, and a G. A. group in Hanna. The Hanna children's choir also meets in our home one afternoon.

The largest barriers to cross thus far have been weather (low temperatures, wind, snow and ice) and the need for adequate meeting places. The groups in Hanna and Medicine Bow meet in community halls, Shirley Basin in the school building, Elk Mountain in the one-room community church building. There are nine members in Hanna in two families, no members in Elk Mountain, eight in Shirley Basin in five families, and five in Medicine Bow in three families.

We hope to constitute a church soon in Hanna so that we can begin to purchase land and plan for a building. A mobile chapel is much needed by summer for both Shirley Basin and Medicine Bow.

Our family is comfortably settled in a small rented house in Hanna. Sam and Mark attend 11th and 8th grades in Hanna - Elk Mountain High School here and Martha rides the bus 15 miles down a winding mountain road to 5th grade in Elk Mountain. John and Dad stay around the house in Mom's way - John, because that is the nature of 4-year-old boys, and Dad, because his "study" is in the living room (with filling cabinet in the kitchen and boxes of books in the garage.) To be truthful, Dad doesn't spend much time around the house, when you consider the distance he has to cover each week!

Sam and Dorothy say the hardest part of Sundays is listening to the same sermon two or three times. But I may surprise them some day with a different sermon every place. The day's round trip makes 185 miles. Most of that has been on icy roads, often with blowing snow during the month of December. The mountain ranges provide beautiful scenery. I often see a herd of antelope along the way.

One definite need which I appeal



100 Riders: First, West Point's Bus Ministry's First Anniversary

First Church, West Point, celebrated its bus ministry's first anniversary on Sunday, February 4. One year ago this church started with one bus and seven riders. On February 4 they were running three buses and bringing in approximately 100 riders. They have four bus pastors

and four assistant bus pastors. This church is expecting a continual growth in their bus ministry according to Rev. Joel E. Haire, pastor. In photo is a picture of one of their buses and their bus riders.

Trinity, Fulton, Doubles Church Training Attendance

"If busses will work on Sunday morning, why not Sunday night?" This was the question pastor Horace C. Thomas, Trinity Baptist Church, Fulton, asked himself and his church leadership.

The result in the words of Pastor Thomas: "We decided that Church Training would be good for our bus children and also they needed to develop a habit of Sunday night attendance, so we started running our busses on Sunday night. Our average

attendance has doubled in the last three months (letter dated January 23) and is still climbing weekly. We have organized five new training groups including a New Church Member Training group for the benefit of those being saved from week to week. We bring from 75 to 100 children on our busses on Sunday night and the number is growing."

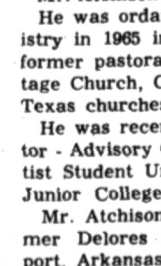
During this time Sunday School attendance has increased by one-third and still climbing. The church conducts four worship services on Sunday morning. Last year the church baptized six people. This year, since October, sixteen have already been baptized with several awaiting baptism. This is without revival or special evangelistic meetings.

What about providing leadership for such a great influx of people in Church Training? Pastor Thomas states that the Lord has really provided. Much credit is given by the pastor to Milton Brown, Church Training Director, but he praises his people, too, for their openness and willingness to pay the price for reaching people.

Pastor Thomas also comments that the weather has very little to do with it. In Itawamba Association the weather has been from poor to bad almost every weekend during the winter but he reports that the busses have been well filled most of the time.

Jeff Davis, Covington Call Missionary

Jefferson Davis and Covington Counties have called Rev. L. B. Atchison as superintendent of missions. Mr. Atchison has resigned the pastorate of Port Gibson Church, where he had served since June, 1971, and has moved to Prentiss.



The Arkansas native is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1965 in Harleton, Texas. His former pastorates include Spring Cottage Church, Columbia, Ms., and two Texas churches.

He was recently elected to the Pastor-Advisory Committee for the Baptist Student Union of Hinds County Junior College.

Mr. Atchison is married to the former Delores Ann Morgan of Newport, Arkansas.

Evangelists Conference, Portland, June 13

The Eighteenth Annual Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists is scheduled for 12 noon - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the Civic Auditorium in Portland.

Richard Hogue, Conference President, announced that Dr. Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, and Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention are scheduled to address the Conference. Other speakers will be announced later.

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